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Charity in race against time to find extra funds

JAMIE Barrington (centre) is named Year 8 Runner-up in the Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club's local round of RIBI Young Writer competition - see page 11 for full story

by Trevor Bevins

DORCHESTER'S Future Roots project is making a desperate plea for financial backing to keep it open.

The centre, at Frome Whitfield, on the Bradford Peverell road, has been running community projects since taking over the former NHS unit three years ago – but now has to find the money to buy the site, or face closure.

Organisers are hopeful of a Lottery grant – but now need to show that the community wants to keep the centre running.

"We don't need people's money at this stage – but need to show the Lottery that individuals and organisations are prepared to make pledges so that we can prove there is support," said founder Julie Plumley, a former social worker.

The four-acre centre has been used for a number of projects including those with learning disabilities, pre-school youngsters, disaffected teens, and older people.

It currently provides a home for the Dorchester Men's Shed project and for meeting of the Countrymen's Club. Arts and crafts sessions are also run at the centre and volunteers make use of the greenhouses and other areas for horticultural projects.

The centre has been offered to Future Roots by the NHS in a closed sale for £175,000 – the plot is likely to be worth much more on the open market, but NHS bosses have been impressed by the community work carried out over the past two years and would like to keep it going.

Future Roots has already raised £10,000 towards the cost – but needs much more, ideally pledges for around £50,000 in total.

Part of the problem has been caused by the short timescale. By the time official notification was received Future Roots only had a little over three months to work out how they were going to find the money.

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JULIA Hope Brightwell lives in East Devon but teaches Biodanza – meaning the Dance of Life – across the area, including in Burton Bradstock, and she will soon be starting at the Dorset School of Biodanza in Bridport.

Originally from Lancaster, she was head-hunted and moved to the south as a textile studio manager in her early 20s, later moving to Dartmoor as a Montessori nursery teaches and eventually to East Devon.

As well as teaching Biodanza, Julia is also a part-time finance officer for a charity in Exeter and she enjoys painting and selling her work.

● WHEN did you first take an interest in dance?

I have always loved music and dancing. In my teens and twenties, I went to three discos a week just to dance and get lost in the music. My secondary school dance teacher wanted me to come to her after-school ballet classes, but I thought I was too fat so didn't go, even though she asked me three separate times!

● WHAT is Biodanza?

Biodanza translates as the Dance of Life. It is an international system danced worldwide, created by Rolando Toro Araneda who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Rolando believed if everyone danced Biodanza there would not longer be wars and cruelty, as it joins people together, promotes celebration and acceptance of others, and opens the heart.

● HOW did you come to teach Biodanza?

I have enjoyed many types of dance - Ceroc, 5 Rhythms, expressive movement, but it was only when I found Biodanza in 2008 that I knew this was what I would train in. I did three wonderful years of training, which was one of the best periods of my life, before teaching others in 2011. First on Dartmoor, then Dartington and, after moving to East Devon, I now teach in Colyton, Colyford and Burton Bradstock. I still teach my original group at Bovey Tracey too - a one-day workshop once a month.

Last year I completed my Didactic training so I can now teach people to become teachers themselves. I start with the Dorset School of Biodanza in May with the director, Mike Skilbeck, to welcome people on this journey of reconnection to the intelligence and joy of the body with its emotional and instinctual intelligence. The first two years are mainly experiential, then if people want to teach others they continue into the third year which gives them all they need to do this.

● HOW can it benefit people?

Biodanza claims to work with the genetic potential that we are born with, but which sometimes gets shaped in a less free or natural way through our upbringing and life.

Through the various dances and movement exercises, these different aspects have a chance to be expressed and in some cases re-emerge.

Biodanza is based on enjoyment and has two parts; a vital section and a relaxing section. In this age of busy, busy where adrenalin is constantly being triggered, there is little opportunity to experience the opposite -relaxation where the hormone acetyl choline is released.

Personally for me, I had very low vitality and found groups difficult, preferring one-to-ones because of my sensitivity. Biodanza continues to improve my resilience and enjoyment of life and I am fine in groups now.

I even gave a presentation at my qualification time to over 50 people and was fine. A video of this is on my website www.joysofdance.co.uk, where I also share my poems and art inspired by the three-year Biodanza training.

On a weekly basis, with everything that is going on in the world at large, which can be distressing and challenging, Biodanza through the music and dance restores me to my happiness and belief in the basic goodness in people.

● WHAT do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I love nature and animals; painting, especially portraits; and travel.

● WHAT do you like about the local area?

East Devon is very beautiful. I love seeing egrets and herons from my window. I like that it is close to other great places such as Lyme Regis and the coastal walk. Being near the sea is a tonic.

Find out more about Biodanza and Julia's classes at www.joysofdance.co.uk

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OUR recent feature supporting Dementia UK raised £123.48 for the cause.

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Thanks to everyone who helped us support the charity's Time For A Cuppa campaign.

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Charity is in desperate need of cash

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"It was originally going to be the end of March, but the Lottery could see the problems, and have now extended the deadline until the end of April.

"We have been looking at applying for a number of small charitable bids but each takes a long time to prepare and the decisions are usually six to eight weeks down the line, so we are running out of time for that route," said Julie.

The centre was the recipient of cash help from the Lions last year and there is hope that other service clubs, such as Rotary and the Round Table, could offer support this year.

Ms Plumley says the centre organisers are confident of being able to make the project sustainable, in time. She points out that its sister operation, at Rylands Farm near Sherborne, has been running for ten years now and manages to raise around 80 per cent of its income.

"We are up against it, but with local support hope to keep the centre open. While we're drawing breath we will continue to fight," said Julie.

Pledges of support can be sent to the centre directly, or via the website – www.futureroots.net or by telephone to 01963 210703.

JULIE Plumley (pictured) is looking for support to help secure Future Roots' future.

Memory garden plaque unveiled

THE first of what may become a new annual pancake race for Dorchester has been held in the Borough Gardens.

It was organised by local supporters of the cancer charity, Marie Curie, who also unveiled a plaque for their new daffodil remembrance area.

Marie Curie chair Richard Crosby said he was delighted with the numbers who attended the event – including Mayor and Mayoress Tim and Anita Harries, Town Crier Alistair Chisholm and Mayor's Chaplain Canon Thomas Woodhouse.

The event also marked the start of the town's Great Daffodil Appeal, which will see businesses with boxes of daffodils and volunteers selling them in South Street on Saturdays March 11th and 25th, together with those at Lidl's on Friday and Saturday 10th and 11th of March.

The unveiling of the plaque was carried out by Mayor of Dorchester Councillor Tim Harries, watched by Richard Crosby (Dorchester and District Fundraising Group Marie Curie) and Anthony Gould of Goulds Garden Centre (pictured above).

Mr Crosby thanked Goulds for the 1,200 daffodil bulbs which have now been planted.

Also thanked Andrew Grassby for the donation of the plaque.

The pancake race attracted competitors of all ages, including The Mayor, the Town Crier and Canon Woodhouse.

Said Councillor Harries: "It is lovely to see the Memory Garden full of daffodils about to flower and create a carpet of yellow in this lovely corner of the Borough Gardens.

"Marie Curie do an amazing job, both locally and nationally, and it was an honour to unveil a plaque to such a worthwhile cause.

"Hopefully the pancake race will become an annual event in the Gardens.

"This is not just about fundraising but also raising the profile of Marie Curie, and this is a really fun way to do it."

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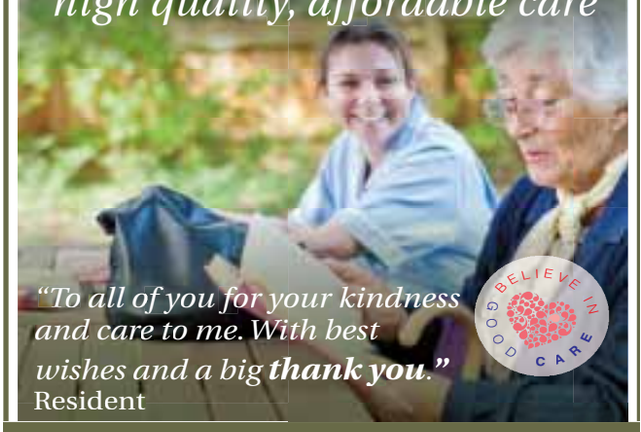

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THE Dorset Remote Live Link Team with High Sheriff Sir Philip Williams, who presented the award

POLICE officers, staff and volunteers were recognised for their exceptional contribution to policing at the Dorset Police Annual Awards Ceremony.

As family and friends of recipients looked on, a total of 23 awards were presented during the ceremony, which was held at Queen Elizabeth's School in Wimborne.

The awards ceremony was an opportunity to recognise exceptional community policing and proactive crime reduction.

A number of awards were presented, including the Hambleton Award, which recognises the Uniformed Police Officer of the Year which was awarded to Weymouth Constable Stephen Newton.

The Dorset Criminal Justice Board (DCJB) Award recognises a team or individual that has delivered an outstanding contribution to Dorset's criminal justice system. The winner of this award was selected by the DCJB Board members and was presented to the Dorset Live Link Team, a multi-agency team consisting of members from Dorset Police, the Wessex Crown Prosecution Service, Her Majesty's Courts Services, and the Citizens Advice Witness Service, who work closely together to improve facilities for vulnerable witnesses.

Volunteers were also acknowledged for their dedication to policing including Peter Jones, the Chair of Weymouth and Portland Neighbourhood Watch, who was awarded the Watch Group of the Year Award for his tireless work to inspire members of the public to become coordinators and active members and Weymouth Special Inspector Emma West, who received the Special Constable of the Year Award.

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson said: "The Force awards are a valuable opportunity to recognise the hard work, professionalism and selflessness that our volunteers, officers and staff contribute to Dorset Police.

"All individuals are to be commended for their contribution to supporting and developing policing, and ultimately working to keep Dorset safe."

The full list of the awards presented and the winners: The Community Engagement Award: Poole West NPT and Poole North NPT; The Public Confidence Award: Constable Sophie Williams, Bournemouth East Safer Neighbourhood team; The Kathleen Emery Shield for the Custody Officer of the Year: Sergeant Philip Lee; The Dirk Aldous Detective of the Year: Detective Constable Richard Evans; The Diversity in Action Award: Counter Services Team; The Environmental Award: Bournemouth East PCSO Jayne Wilson; The Hambleton Award: Weymouth Constable Stephen Newton; The Leadership Award: Weymouth Sergeant Jane Moore; The Lifetime Achievements Award: Superintendent Charlie Eggar; The High Sheriff's Tankard to the PCSO of the Year: Bournemouth North PCSO Kim Sayles; The Victims Champion Award: Road Policing Family Liaison Officer Team; The Special Constable of the Year Award: Weymouth Special Inspector Emma West; The Jane Stichbury Police Staff of the Year: Adam Carter, Investigations Officer, based in Bournemouth's Volume Crime Team; The Michael Stannard Community Officer of the Year: Bournemouth South Constable Euan Douglas; The Neighbourhood Watch Group of the Year Award: Weymouth & Portland Neighbourhood Watch Group, Chair Peter Jones; The Volunteer of the Year Award: Ted Bain; The Volunteer Team of the Year Award: Ferndown Community Office; The Reducing Crime Award: East Bournemouth NPT; The Crime Reduction Partnership Award: Boscombe Regeneration Project Team; The Jane Stichbury Student Officer of the Year: North Dorset Constable Natalie Skinner; Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commendation: Crime Scene Investigator Sarah Pascoe, Detective Inspector Mark Samuel, Chief Inspector Ben Hargreaves, Detective Superintendent Jez Noyce, Detective Constable Ken Todd and Ex-Detective Chief Inspector Martin Holloway; Criminal Justice Award: The Dorset Remote Live Link Team; and Special Lifetime Achievement Award: Darran Gunter.

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Officers mark 101st anniversary of famous Dorset Yeomanry charge

By Claire Vera

OFFICERS of the Dorset Yeomanry joined Lord and Lady Fellowes for breakfast to commemorate the 101st anniversary of the famous mounted Charge at Agagia in Egypt on February 26th 1916.

The charge is depicted by Lady Elizabeth Butler in a painting commissioned by the people of Dorset, which hangs in the Members Room at The Dorset County Council offices in Dorchester. The Painting was on public display in the county museum during the early part of last year.

Captain Colin Parr MBE said: "Traditionally the officers of the Dorset Yeomanry take breakfast on or as near to the anniversary and this year the officers were invited to Stafford House as the guests of Lord and Lady Fellowes."

"The toast, as always, was for the unparalleled bravery of those Yeomen who took part in the successful charge against substantial numbers of enemy set in defence that day."

"The Dorset Yeomanry are extremely grateful for the most generous and welcoming reception that Lord and Lady Fellowes made at their home and for presenting a unique and stunning collection of Lord Kitchener's artefacts for viewing." he added.

Dangerous driver jailed for causing serious collision

A DANGEROUS driver who caused a serious injury collision in Weymouth has been jailed.

Scott White, 20 and of Langton Avenue in Weymouth, pleaded guilty at Bournemouth Crown Court to three counts of causing serious injury by dangerous driving and was handed a three-year jail sentence and a four-year driving ban on Friday, March 3rd.

The court heard that at around 8.25pm on Sunday, September 4th 2016 a head-on collision occurred on Preston Road between a BMW 320, being driven by Mr White, and a Volkswagen Golf.

A 17-year-old girl who was the front seat passenger in the BMW was cut out of the vehicle by the fire service and airlifted to Southampton General Hospital for treatment to serious injuries. A 17-year-old boy, who was in the rear passenger seat, also suffered serious injuries and was taken to Dorset County Hospital for treatment.

The 59-year-old female driver of the Volkswagen suffered a serious, non-life threatening neck injury and was taken to Dorset County Hospital for treatment.

The court was told that minutes before the collision Mr White's BMW was witnessed driving dangerously through the town. A witness described the BMW slowing down to enter the Chalbury Corner roundabout on Preston Road before accelerating hard and power sliding around it, nearly colliding with a wall.

The BMW was also spotted making dangerous overtaking manoeuvres along Preston Road, before colliding with the Volkswagen. The rear seat passenger of the BMW voluntarily surrendered his phone to police and officers discovered a short clip of the collision that had been recorded on the phone app Snapchat. The video showed a speedometer reading of 90mph seconds before impact. Screams from passengers in the car could also be heard.

Police Sergeant Joe Pardey, of the traffic unit, said: "This case highlights the dangers and horrific consequences of acts of stupidity on the road.

"It is clear from the evidence presented that Mr White was showing off to others, driving dangerously and putting many lives at risk.

"His actions have caused life-changing injuries to three other people and affected many others as a result. It is very fortunate that no one was killed and that Mr White has fully admitted his liability for causing those injuries and the subsequent devastation.

"I hope that the sentence passed today will continue to provide a deterrent to prevent dangerous driving on our roads and emphasise that it will not be tolerated.

"We will continue to investigate and seek the full support of the courts in bringing those people to justice."

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Big plans for 'thriving' Pavilion

by Trevor Bevins

PROPOSALS which could see long-term improvements to Weymouth Pavilion were expected to be approved by Borough Councillors this week.

The council's management committee is being asked to grant a 30-year lease and offer £250,000 for maintenance works.

The building has been run by a Community Interest Company since 2013 with a marked improvement in the number of those attending performances and other events. Under council management the building had been running at a loss, but now makes a profit.

The cash grant will allow for a new roof and other works while granting the 30-year lease will allow the Pavilion operators to access other grants.

Councillors heard on Tuesday (March 7th) that the Pavilion was now thriving: "The current tenant has over the period made significant improvements to the operations, and has attracted a wide variety of different entertainment types. This has resulted in a vibrant and financially viable facility.

"Following these successes, and that the cost of any alternative theatre would be prohibitive, it has been accepted that the current theatre will remain and there will be no new facility."

Future plans for the Pavilion include adding an art gallery and restaurant.

Criminal Behaviour Order handed to repeat offender

A MAN who has been responsible for repeated anti-social behaviour incidents in Weymouth has been handed a Criminal Behaviour Order.

Francis James Carroll, 53 and of no fixed abode, was issued with the order by Weymouth Magistrates' Court on Monday, January 16th after being convicted the same day of theft and indecent exposure.

He was jailed for 12-weeks and released on licence on Friday, March 3rd.

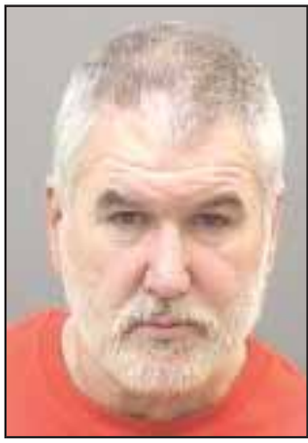
The order is in place for five years and states that Francis Carroll must not:

• Act or incite others to behave in an anti-social manner, that is a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any persons within the commission area of Dorset.

• Use or incite others to use threatening, intimidating, insulting or abusive words or behaviour in any place to which the public has access in the commission area of Dorset.

• Enter the commission area of The Esplanade, Weymouth, from the Pier Bandstand to the Pleasure Pier behind Weymouth Pavilion.

Police Constable Billy Taylor, of Weymouth police, said: "We are determined to reduce the number of victims of anti-social behaviour across Weymouth and we are aware that Carroll has been involved in committing low-level anti-social behaviour in the town for a number of years and this behaviour has caused serious concern to many residents.



FRANCIS James Carroll, 53, had been handed a Criminal Behaviour Order for anti-social offences

"This order will give Carroll a clear set of guidelines and rules that he must now comply with. If he does not comply with the provisions in this order, he will be committing a criminal offence for which he could be sent to prison.

"We would like to thank Weymouth and Portland and West Dorset Community Safety Team who have worked alongside officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team to secure this order."

Harriet encourages more apprentices to sign up

WESSEX Water apprentice Harriet Dal Din is calling on more people in Dorset to consider taking up an apprenticeship.

As this week (March 6th-10th) marks National Apprenticeship Week, Harriet who lives in Dorchester, is encouraging others to consider an apprenticeship as a career path.

The call comes after this week Wessex Water announced it has almost 40 local apprenticeship opportunities on offer.

Twenty-year-old Harriet is currently on the water company's civil engineering higher level apprenticeship after previously attending The Thomas Hardye School.

She said: "I'm a hands-on learner and was daunted by the thought of student debt, whereas now I'm receiving a relatively generous salary for my age.

"I really enjoy mixing my college work with being out on site – I love being outside and being part of a team."

The 10th National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating the success of apprenticeships over the last decade and encouraging more people to choose apprenticeships as a fast-track to a great career.

To find out more about the apprenticeships available at Wessex Water visit www.wessexwater.co.uk/careers

HARRIET Dal Din (left) is pictured with fellow apprentices Alistair, Lewis and Dominic with their line manager (centre) Nigel Butler

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Farming seasons recreated with help of charity project

JAGUAR Land Rover apprentices with their manager Stuart Whiteman, Julie Plumley of Future Roots and Dan Hodgson demonstrating the tractor driving simulation

BRITISH Gas Weymouth Service Manager Darren Lane and engineer Paul Mowlem with Julie Plumley of Future Roots and Dan Hodgson demonstrating the milking cup simulation.

By Trevor Bevins

A PROJECT to re-create all four seasons in a farming year had been tried out at the Future Roots project on the outskirts of Dorchester.

The audio-visual presentation, Seasons in a Box, was developed from the Countrymen's Club for retired farmers and farmworkers, which meets at Future Roots and Rylands Farm, Sherborne.

Future Roots founder, Julie Plumley, conceived the idea of bringing the roadshow to former land workers who are housebound because of illness or infirmity. It aims to re-connect them with their working lives and the outdoor environment as a former of therapy and to provide a talking point to spark conversation with others.

Julie believes that engagement with this roadshow will have a beneficial effect on the physical and mental wellbeing of the men involved.

The charity Remap helped with the project by making tactile simulations of related experiences such as the feel of snow, rain and the warmth of sunshine, driving a tractor and other farming activities.

The physical simulations were demonstrated last week at Future Roots by retired farmer Dan Hodgson.

JULIE Plumley of Future Roots with representatives from Remap, Jaguar Land Rover, British Gas and West Dorset District Council together with Dan Hodgson.

Representatives of Remap and two partner organisations, Jaguar Land Rover and British Gas, which had supported Remap by manufacturing some of the simulations, were invited to the launch.

Also present was Councillor Mary Penfold of West Dorset District Council, which contributed funding through its Social Inclusion programme.

Future Roots was set up by Julie Plumley 10-years-ago, originally to work with young people who were finding life challenging for a variety of reasons and were often excluded from school. It now provides an effective service to around one hundred young people a week at two care farms, Whitfield near Dorchester and Rylands between Dorchester and Sherborne.

Julie now plans to use Seasons in a Box with country people, and others, to evaluate the benefits to physical and mental health that can be gained by experiencing a simulation of nature by those who can no longer go outside to enjoy the real thing.

Remap is a national charity, founded just over 50-years-ago, that designs and makes equipment to enable disabled people to live independently and enjoy a good quality of life through hobbies and sports.

It operates through over 70 local panels of volunteers, helping nearly 4,000 clients a year nationwide.

West Dorset, from Swanage to Bridport and North to Blandford, is served by the Dorchester Panel, chaired by Mike Cowley.

The panel has around 12 active volunteers and Mike is always keen to hear from potential new recruits from anywhere within the area covered.

Anyone who would like to become involved with Remap should contact Mike by e-mailing remapdorchester@gmail.com or by ringing 01305 267860.

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Volunteers needed

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a charity which supports homeless young people in Dorset.

Action for Children's Dorset Nightstop, which provides emergency support for people aged between 16 and 25, is holding an open event in Dorchester this Thursday, March 9th.

The group is looking for Independent Visitors, long-term mentors for young people who have little contact with their own families.

Simon Keys, Action for Children's volunteer coordinator in Dorset, said: "Our Independent Visitors helping young people navigate life at a vital time as they approach adulthood."

Other roles are also needed to be filled. The information evening will take place at the Relate offices, 2 Poundbury Business Centre, from 5.30pm until 8.30pm on March 9th.

Donations wanted

AGE UK in Dorchester and Weymouth is appealing for donations for its charity shops.

Unwanted items of clothing, shoes, boots, bags, linen, bric-a-brac, dvds, cds and small electrical items in clean and useable condition can be dropped during opening hours (9am to 4pm) at either 1 St Thomas Street Weymouth, or 12/13 Trinity Street, Dorchester or Age UK Dorchester 4, Prince of Wales Road.

If you are unable to drop your items off please contact Age UK on 01305 772641 and ask for Di.

Scout post thank you

VOLUNTEER "posties" who each year collect, sort and deliver the local Scout Post at Christmas time are being treated to a cream tea this weekend.

The helpers have been invited to the Sunninghill Community Hall on Saturday, March 11th by the Dorchester & West Dorset District Scout Council.

Tea and scones will be served to the helpers who each year raise thousands of pounds, enough money to keep all the local Scout troops going without the need for further fundraising.

Stained glass workshop a big hit with islanders

MEDIEVAL techniques were given a modern airing when a special stained glass demonstration workshop was held on Portland.

The sell-out event gave people an introduction to making stained glass objects using methods largely unchanged since the 14th century.

The event at the Royal Manor Workshops was taken by Martin Blundell who said: "Response was very good and we were sold out long before the event.

"Essentially the workshop was an opportunity for complete beginners to take their first steps in learning how to make stained glass objects."

MARTIN Blundell (front) and workshop members show clear approval for stained glass

He added that learners started out discovering how to cut glass, shape glass, bind its edges with copper tape and then solder parts together to make whatever shape they had chosen.

Martin said: "Popular shapes include birds, flowers and butterflies but anyone can make anything given time and practice."

Different types of glass were used from plain and clear to deeply coloured hammered or ripple glass.

Martin said: "It is also possible to use glass which contains more than one colour in a streaked format.

"The people here today learnt all the basic techniques.

"All they have to do now is practice them until they are more confident using them.

"I think that when the light hits stained glass it comes alive. There is a vibrancy. It is such a lovely medium to work with."

Those enthusiasts who develop a taste for the hobby can attend regular meetings with the Royal Manor Workshops Stained Glass Group.

It meets all day on the fourth Saturday of every month and the second Monday evening of every month from 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Workshops.

Anyone who would like more information about stained glass and the group's meetings should contact Martin on 01305-783701.

Sign up and support live music in pubs

A WEYMOUTH pub is asking customers to sign up and support live music.

The Boot says it is worried that a letter from local councillor Alison Reed could result in restrictions on live music at the pub, and another venue, The Belvedere.

Councillor Reed has written to constituents asking for views on music from both venues.

"I do have evidence some residents are having concerns and are coming forward with evidence to support them…

"I am hoping to gather views from the rest of the community. If I find there is widespread concerns I can put those to the licensing committee prior to the 2017 live music application from these two premises."

She adds that she is not against live music in pubs but may ask the committee to decide what constitutes acceptable levels of live music.

The Boot has taken to social media to counter the plea for information about the effects of live music at both pubs.

"A select few residents (who choose to live in between two very well established premises) may bring an end to live entertainment and events, or certainly cause greater restrictions. Please take a moment from your busy lives to inform the council of another view."

ST John first aiders in Dorchester have thanked local shoppers at Tesco who donated more than £360.

"We would like to say a massive thank you to the town's shoppers," said fundraising coordinator Kevin Dickens, "we can now train more of our volunteers in vital skills to help people who are sick or injured."

Volunteers from St John collected loose change from shoppers at the store to raise the money.

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ANDY Rosewell plants trees with grandson Lucas Sorbie (left) and Ethan Parker-Coates

Litter picking and tree planting on the Marsh

DOZENS of bags of litter were picked up from Weymouth's Marsh playing fields by volunteers on Saturday.

The Friends of the Marsh group organised the spring clean – along with the planting of dozens of trees in an area behind the town's swimming pool.

The Marsh lived up to its name with so much water in the holes dug for the trees that volunteers had to borrow buckets to bail them out before the trees could be planted.

Amongst the volunteers taking part in the event was local councillor Ryan Hope: "There's been a great turn-out, including the Brownies and Beavers, as well as the usual volunteers from the Friends of the Marsh," he said.

The majority of the litter comprised of discarded cans and bottles and wrappers from food – but also a number of bags of dog excrement.

"Why people take the trouble to put it in a bag and then throw the bag in the bushes is beyond me," said Councillor Hope, "there are adequate bins around to use."

VOLUNTEERS prep the holes for the trees to be planted

Spring spruce-up in Westham

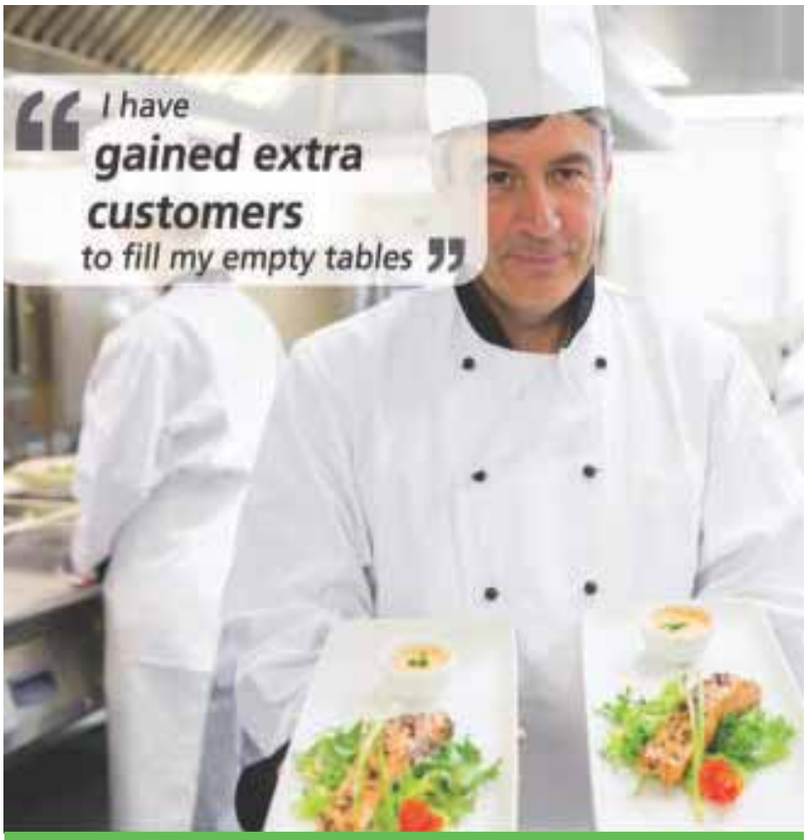
VOLUNTEERS at the Westham Community group are hoping to mark the beginning of spring by offering a garden make over for their neighbours.

The group, which is chaired by Councillor Christine James, is offering to carrying out free gardening work in an attempt to improve the look of the area.

This could involve cutting the grass and laying down gravel to make the area easier to maintain. Anyone who knows of a front or side garden that is facing the road is encouraged to get in contact with the group. The group will then decide which gardens they will be able to help with and work with the resident on how they would like to see their garden improved.

Councillor James says the group is also looking at other projects in May/June to help improve the area – based on painting some art boards which can be displayed in and around the area. Artist Lesley Pitney, who lives in the area, will be helping design the boards and this will build on the community spirit that is starting to emerge in the area.

Those who know of someone who deserves a garden makeover, should contact community development officer Julie Hursthouse on 01305 838497 or email jhursthouse@dorset.gov.uk



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Celebrating the joy of music for 30 years

By Trevor Bevins

WEYMOUTH has celebrated its 30th music festival with scores of musicians taking part on Saturday at Budmouth College.

Amongst those at the event was founder Janet Ferrett who set up the non-competitive event inspired b the BBC Young Musician of the Year programme.

"The first Weymouth Music Festival in 1988 attracted 100 entrants. Anyone could enter, all ages, either as individuals or in small groups, large choirs or orchestras for a small fee.

"It was to be a non-competitive festival and there were no marks or grades. Any kind of music was to be performed, not just classical works.

"All the known private music teachers were contacted as well as all the state and private schools. The festival took place at Weymouth College and a concert a week later at St John's Church."

This weekend's event took place in two halls on the Budmouth School site with the organ adjudication with Duncan Honeybourne at St Mary's Church, Dorchester.

Amongst the adjudicated classes were choirs and vocal ensembles, musical theatre, piano, strings, orchestras, bands and instrumental groups and brass and woodwind.

Guests for part of the day included the Mayors of both Weymouth and Portland and Chickerell.

"The festival strives to provide a friendly and supportive environment for all entrants with performers from a wide range of ages and abilities taking part," said chairman Alistair Dean.

The annual Weymouth Music Festival Concert will take place this Friday, March 10th at 7pm at Budmouth, admission £5 adults, children free.

FLUTE and piano

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LOCAL mayors were amongst the audience

THE bassoon ensemble

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Police charity boost for the Lexi May Trust

A DORCHESTER based charity which supports families of terminally ill children, has received a £500 grant from a national police charity.

Police Mutual is a not-for-profit organisation, which for more than 150 years, has been helping the families of police officers and staff, and their yearly national sponsorship programme, Force for Good, has pledged more than £55,000 to support community projects across the country.

Specialist Trained Officer for the Dorset Police Force, Sam Hillier, nominated Dorchester-based The Lexi May Trust, which he is a trustee, to receive funding.

The initiative was set up last January by Sam sister Carly Hopkin and her husband Michael in memory of their daughter, Lexi May, who lost her life to a brain tumour.

The Lexi May Trust has been set up to provide special days out for families with terminally ill children or those with life-threatening illnesses.

The initiative strives to create fond memories for the children and their families to keep forever. It invites them to inform Dorchester and Poole Healthcare Teams of the three places they would most like to visit.

"Police Mutual's Force for Good grant will allow The Lexi May Trust to fund the special days out, which can range from clothes shopping vouchers, to cinema tickets and attraction park entry", said Mr Hillier.

Swapping bowls for tennis

AN application has been submitted to convert the former bowling green in Dorchester's Borough Gardens into tennis courts.

The change, if approved, will allow the town council to redevelop other tennis courts, on the opposite side of the Walks, into affordable homes.

Two new all-weather courts will be created by the conversion of the bowling green, close to the existing two courts.

If all goes to plan the new courts could be ready for use in the summer.

A small archaeological dig will be held before the work starts on the corner of the site which lies close to the route of the old town walls, a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Comments on the proposals have to be submitted by March 17th.

If you have a story email trevorbevins@gmail.com

Police witness appeal following reported assault in Weymouth

DETECTIVES in Weymouth are appealing for witnesses after a man was reportedly assaulted in the town.

The incident happened at around 12.30am on Sunday, February 26th on St Thomas Street outside Rendezvous near to the town bridge.

It is alleged that following an altercation a 20-year-old local man was punched in the face by another man and sustained a broken jaw. He was taken to hospital for treatment.

A 23-year-old Weymouth man was arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm and is currently on police bail until the end of March 2017 pending further enquiries.

Detective Constable Rhys Griffiths, of Weymouth CID, said: "I am appealing to anyone who witnessed the incident or who has any further information to please contact me."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55170028899.

Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Young writers scoop prizes in Rotary competition

WINNERS of the Rotary Young Writer competition in Dorchester with Rotary President Chris Davies and Judge Peter Mann, a former Mayor of the town

FOUR talented young writers have received prizes in the Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club's local round of RIBI Young Writer.

The winners and their families came to Waterstones Bookshop in Dorchester for the presentation by judge Peter Mann and Rotary President Chris Davies.

A total of 64 scripts were received from three schools in Dorchester with Sunninghill School triumphant with winners and runners-up in both Junior and Intermediate categories.

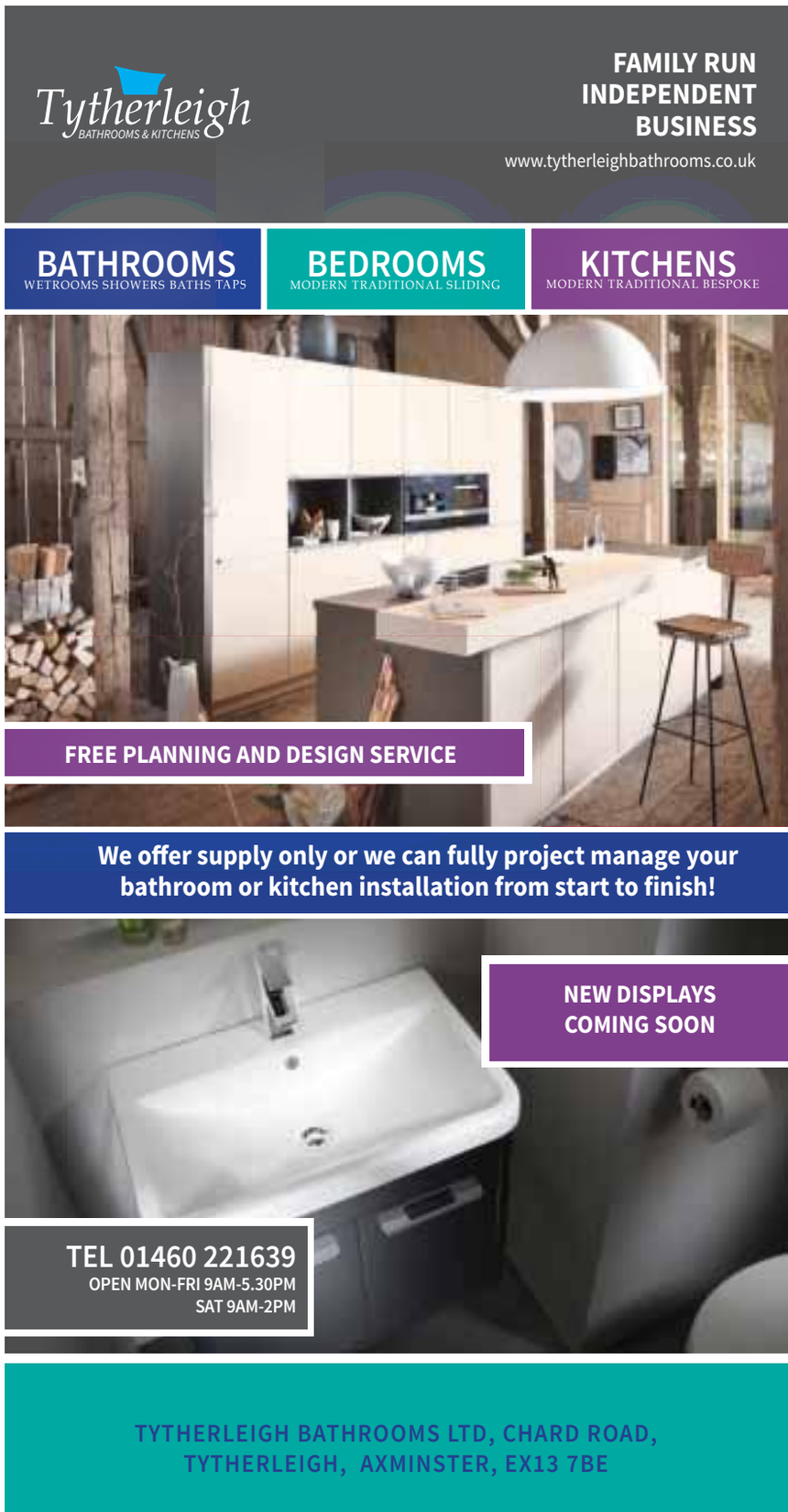
Certificates, Dictionaries4Life and Waterstones book tokens and salvers for the two winners were presented by Peter Mann and Casterbridge Rotary Club President, Chris Davies.

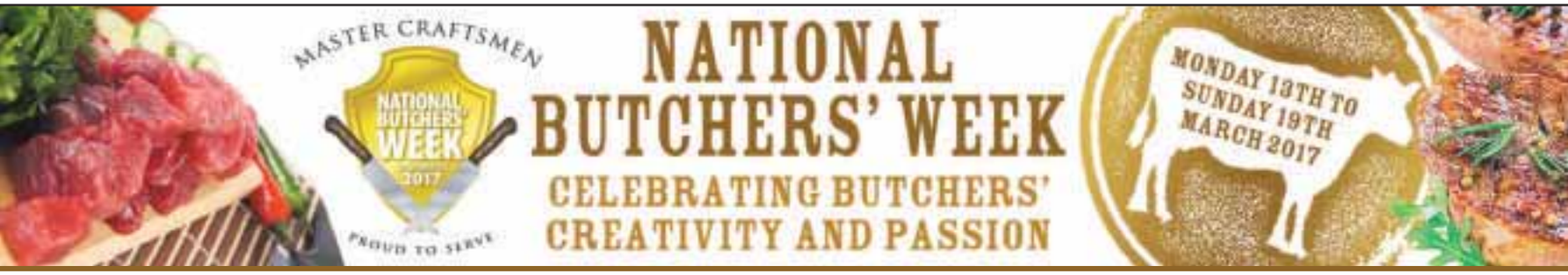
The prizewinners were: Junior - Tallulah Taschner Year 6 (Winner); Esme Savage Year 5 (Runner-up); Intermediate: Khalid Miah Year 7 (Winner); and Jamie Barrington Year 8 (Runner-up).

Khalid Miah was also a winner in 2016 so he received an alternative book as a prize.

The scripts from Tallulah and Khalid have been sent to Rotary District 1200 with the results from the district final expected in the near future.

Casterbridge Rotary Club would like to thank judge, Peter Mann, and Waterstones Bookshop for their continued support for the competition.





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Faggots, Burgers and Sausages are all made in the shop using the best ingredients, also Salt Beef, and Cured Ox Tongue. Free Range Chickens from the Piddle Valley chicken and Venison is also available as well as other seasonal Game.

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Cooking time for vegetables: Under 30minutes.

Ingredients

- 300g / 10½oz lean rump or thick sirloin steaks
- 300g / 10½oz small new potatoes
- Large pinch paprika powder
- 30ml / 2tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Salt & freshly milled back pepper
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled & chopped
- 1 small red onion, peeled & thinly sliced
- 2.5ml / ½tsp dried chilli flakes
- 100ml / 3½floz dry red wine

Method

1. Preheat the oven to Gas mark 7, 220°C, 425°F.
2. Place the potatoes in a non-stick roasting tin. Add the paprika and half the oil, toss gently, season and roast for 25 minutes. 15 minutes before the end of the cooking time remove the tin, add the garlic and onions, toss gently and return to the oven.
3. Place the steaks on a chopping board, season on both sides and dust with the chilli flakes. Heat the remaining oil in a heavy based frying or griddle pan and cook the steaks according to your preference. Remove the steak and keep warm.
4. In the same pan add the wine and simmer for 2-3 minutes or until reduced by half, scraping the base of the pan with a wooden spoon to release any sediment. Add any meat juices from the steak plate to the pan.
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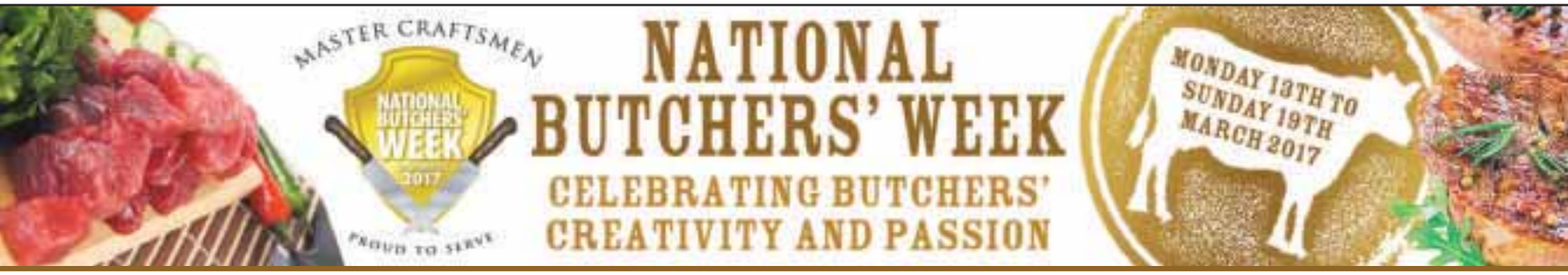

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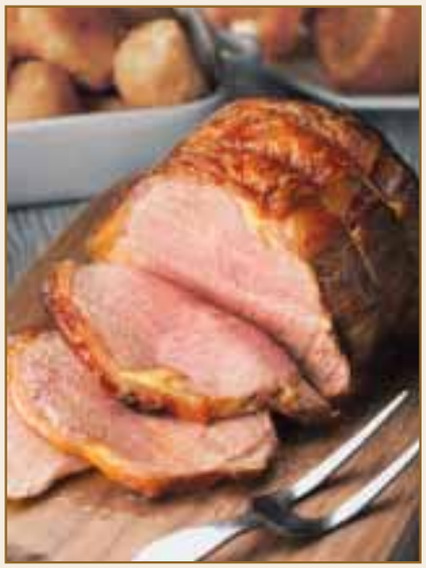

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Charity boost

A SAILING charity will benefit from a beer and cider festival at Weymouth Sailing club this Friday, March 10th.

The harbourside event, which starts at 6pm, will raise money for the Chesil Sailability project which aims to get more people on the water, irrespective of any disability.

Tickets for the event cost £6 – visit www.weybay-beer.uk or call 07976356633.

Crewman rescued

WEYMOUTH RNLI all-weather lifeboat evacuated an injured crewman from a container ship on passage between Antwerp and Spain.

The crew were called out last Wednesday morning to the 210m container ship Mersk Niemburg.

The ship was 10 miles South of Portland Bill when the lifeboat arrived on scene at just after 11am.

The crewman who had suffered a crush injury to his right hand was transferred to the lifeboat where the volunteer crew administered first aid to the injured hand whilst the lifeboat made its way back to Weymouth Harbour.

The lifeboat returned back to harbour just after 1pm where it was met by an ambulance who transferred the causality to Dorset County Hospital.

COME Dine members watch as Mary Watson (left) accepts the cheque presented by Abbigail Langstone-Wring

Ladies that lunch club raise £445 for refuge

A GROUP of women, which meets to cook, eat, drink and fundraise, has held a Weymouth handover to present the local Women's Refuge with a cheque for £445.

Members of the Come Dine Ladies Lunch Club attended the Crown Hotel for the presentation by Abbigail Langstone-Wring who gave the cheque to refuge representative Mary Watson.

This successful group was set up with the prime objective of raising funds for the local refuge.

Abbigail said: "We are now in our fourth year and we are looking to invite more ladies to join in and meet new friends whilst having fun cooking, eating, drinking and fund raising for a worthy local cause."

For more details of the fundraising lunch club please contact Abbigail at abigailwring@btinternet.com or for more information regarding the Womens Refuge and for donations please contact Mary Watson on 01305 773885.

Benefits advice

A BENEFITS advice session will be held this Thursday, March 9th, between 9.30am and 11.30am at the Weymouth Community Safety Centre in Radipole Lane.

The sessions are by appointment only which need to be made to Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444.

www.ageuk.org.uk/dorchester

Fundraiser for teen

AN event at the Wyke Smugglers will raise money for a local 17-year-old diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

The evening of entertainment, which includes music from Soft Option, is being held this Friday, March 10th, from 7.30pm.

During the event seven volunteers are taking part in a sponsored head shave.

Charity dog show

ENTRIES are being sought for a charity dog show at Budmouth College on Saturday, March 18th.

The event, which will have registration from 10.30am, will raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

First classes are due to start at 11.30am with stalls, a raffle, ice creams, burgers, cakes and tea and coffee available throughout the day.

Further information is available by emailing lynne-stockwell@me.com

Annual meeting

SOUTH Dorset's branch of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society will be holding its annual meeting on Friday, March 17th.

The event will start at 2pm with a short annual meeting followed by cakes and a quiz.

As usual the meeting will take place at St. Aldhelm's Church Centre in Spa Road, Weymouth, where all are welcome and admission is free.

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New bridal boutique opens in Axminster

INVITED guests recently gathered for the grand opening of TL Bridal Boutique in Axminster. The new shop began trading on Saturday, February 25th, and held its grand opening reception that evening. The business is owned by Lorraine Faverty and her daughter Tessa Harris, both pictured with Axminster mayor Paul Hayward at the event.

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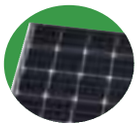

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Prison development needs a rethink

■ THE Prison Development needs a rethink.

After two years of feeling a lone voice speaking out about access via the Bow, I was delighted to hear that Sarah Wilkinson has taken up the issue of road safety and that the Prison development plans may be reconsidered.

We all have to make difficult choices, but I believe that there has been an over emphasis on prison conservation irrespective of the consequences. This has been particularly true of the Civic Society, which I tried and failed to get to think strategically.

I was very interested in Councillor Gerald Dukes' letter highlighting how strong local conservation pressure groups had insisted on the conservation of the prison wall and chimney pots above all other issues, including social housing. So these pressure groups are the reason that social housing was not viable!

Being concerned over St Peters, Councillor Duke has obtained an agreement to measure vibration, however, this will only warn of impending disaster. We need a better solution. We need new ideas and new plans that protect St Peters and the Corn Exchange, reduce congestion and pollution, and ensure road safety for pedestrians, rather than prison walls and chimney pots and developers profits. None of the roads are suitable for heavy vehicles but Glyde Path Road is broader than most and I suggest is suitable at least during construction. So a road access to the prison site from Glyde Path road needs to be more actively pursued.

If this site is too difficult for the developer, then I suggest that they sell it to the council for £1, then the site is flattened (except for the listed building), a new road is built through it, and a mixture of environmentally pleasing private and social housing is built on the site.

Whilst no one would wish to see the site rot, it may be preferable for it to rot behind the attractive wall than to have a development which will damage Dorchester for years to come.

The Prison development needs a total rethink, especially by the County Highways Department.

Mary Calvert
DORCHESTER

School funding is at its highest level

■ I AM writing in response to a story that appeared in the *View From* on March 1st, under the headline "Schools' funding cuts to have significant impact".

As the minister responsible for school funding in England, I am determined to end the historical postcode lottery of the current school funding system which sees children with similar needs receive very different amounts of funding in different parts of the country.

Funding every child fairly and according to their specific needs sits at the heart of delivering the government's pledge to build a country that works for everyone, not just the privileged few. School funding is at its highest level on record and will be over £40billion in 2016-17. Schools funding is driven by pupil numbers and, where pupil numbers rise, the amount of money schools receive will also increase.

But the current system for distributing school funding is unfair, opaque and outdated. It is based on inconsistent decisions that have built up over many years and on pupil information that is over a decade old.

The case for change is clear. That is why we are proposing to introduce a national funding formula that will create a system that funds schools fairly and according to the needs of their current pupils, not just their postcode.

Under the proposed formula, more than half of England's schools will receive a cash boost – including schools across Dorset which would see funding increase by 2.4 per cent, which is just over £5million, if the proposed new funding formula was implemented in full. And, while some schools in Dorset will see reductions as we bring the funding system up to date, we have built significant protections in to the formula, so that no school will face a reduction of more than more than 1.5 per cent per pupil per year or three per cent per pupil overall.

It is also important to note that every school is funded individually, and where schools in Dorset are due to see increases under our formula, this is not at the expense of other Dorset schools. Rather, our formula bases each school's funding on the individual needs of its pupils, so schools with pupils with additional needs, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds, would receive significant additional funding.

We do recognise that schools are facing cost pressures, so we will continue to provide advice and support to help them use their funding in cost effective ways; for example, by helping schools improve the way they buy goods and services.

We know that it is important that we get the formulae right so that every pound has the greatest impact. Our consultation runs until March 22nd 2017, and we are keen to hear from as many schools, governors, local authorities and parents as possible.

Nick Gibb MP
Schools Minister

People expect council to do better

■ CLAUDIA Sorin, on behalf of Dorchester Labour, has submitted a petition signed by 400 West Dorset residents calling on West Dorset District Council to invest the same amount of money that it spent on the council premises, £9.7million, on building low cost housing in the local area.

There are over 1,000 households on the waiting list for housing in West Dorset and in addition to this there are many young people and families in privately rented housing, which is often insecure and too expensive to allow them build up any savings.

West Dorset has lower than national average pay and higher than national average house prices. House prices outstrip wages by 2:1.

WDDC has sold off assets and land to private developers and have allowed housing developments to go ahead with little or no affordable homes being provided, thus making the housing situation worse for local families and working people. The council should also be enforcing its own policy that new housing developments must include 35 per cent affordable homes.

This petition shows that local people expect the council to do better, and calls on the council to invest in decent, genuinely affordable homes for its residents.

The council has land and assets as well as £54million in reserves that could be used for investment in homes. Other councils are working with housing associations and investing in housing. This petition shows that West Dorset residents believe it is high time WDDC starts doing this too.

Also we would like to praise the work done by the officers on the Local Plan.

But we would like a clause added, that if there is a viability study to allow developers to exclude 35 per cent affordable housing, the full viability study must publicly be published. This is done by Southwark and other London councils. Perhaps WDDC could get advice from them? Otherwise viability studies excluding affordable housing could become the norm, and none of us want that!

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2017 has also started with a bang. They now have 2 dedicated teams, headed up by Roger Cummings and Steve Bowditch so they can run two jobs simultaneously as well as a team in the workshop. They are currently working on Dorshi's new cocktail bar and The Hive Beach Co.'s latest venture at West Bexington as well as fitted furniture for Symondsbury Estate, and lots of private gardens.

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So, are you one of the millions who can't afford - or choose not - to buy your own property? If you love your outdoor space, it may be time to consider how to move your garden...

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

WITH nearly 50% of householders aged 25 to 35 renting a property, and an increasing number of landlords paving over gardens to make them 'no maintenance', taking your garden with you is a concept many of us might consider.

It's a theme adopted by acclaimed garden designer Tanya Batkin, who will be showing her 'Moveable Feast Garden' at the new RHS Chatsworth House Flower Show in Derbyshire from June 7-11.

Batkin explains: "My daughter is 'generation rent' with a tiny outdoor space - we are talking one pot. She had to have something bombproof, so we went for some succulents, some houseleeks.

"If you have room for a half barrel, you could put in one bamboo, some grasses and a heuchera, which is great for all-year-round interest. It gives you a nice combination of form and foliage."

Her show garden is made up of a series of brightly coloured wooden planters in palette and half-palette sizes. They are all on wheels, she points out, so easy to move.

'Rent generation' gardeners can buy wheeled stands and trolleys with which to move all manner of containers. There are many portable compost bins on the market - some of which are available free through local authorities - as well as lighter, resin-based containers, self-contained, easy-to-move water features and stick-in-the-ground solar lighting.

And you don't have to limit yourself to having flowering ornamental plants in your moveable pots, says Batkin.

"Because my show garden is called 'Moveable Feast', there's going to be a lot of edible planting. Things like bay, rosemary and lavender will grow happily in pots."

Planting with a view that you will not be in one place for long is a growing trend, says Mark Sage, head of horticulture at Wyevale Garden Centres.

"We continue to see a real interest in instant solutions from customers who are renting rather than buying properties now, and are more transient and wanting to take their purchases with them from house to house."

Plants with all-year-round interest such as viburnums are proving popular to give structure, flower and berries, and can be grown in pots which you can move, as well as camellias and perpetual-flowering patio roses, such as 'Carpet' roses and 'Fairy' roses, he says.

Edibles are also easy to grow in pots and are moveable. Dwarf fruit trees are also increasing in popularity, says Sage.

"Even in our 'grow your own' selections, we've seen an increase in patio varieties, simply because people have smaller spaces.

"Things like terrace patio fruit, varieties which are grafted on to a rootstock and will grow to about 5ft tall, will thrive in smaller spaces. We have tomato ranges which are suitable for pots and hanging baskets. Growing in smaller spaces is a focus for us.

"The continued interest in 'grow your own' has seen the breeders working extensively on getting really good, productive, great tasting fruit and vegetables suitable for container gardening, particularly with fruit trees."

Here are some of Batkin's tips to help the 'generation rent' maintain and move their gardens:

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- If you have large plants or shrubs, gently contain wayward stems with strips of hessian to reduce damage during your move.
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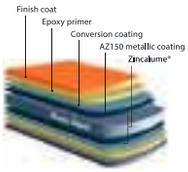

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Flipping good fun at Thursday Group

VERNON Moffet and organisers of the pancake event at the Thursday Club

Words and photos by Claire Vera

TUESDAY became the new Thursday in Dorchester as members of the St George's Thursday Group had a Shrove Tuesday celebration at the church hall in Fordington.

There was just enough mix to go around as plenty of takers turned up for the annual event which includes good company and a cup of tea.

Vernon Moffet is Chair of the Thursday Group, who said: "We've done very well indeed. The Thursday Group makes me a rare male chairman of a Women's Union. It used to be the Women's Union and was opened up to husbands and friends and then to everyone.

"It's a friendly organisation, mainly aimed at people who might otherwise be a little bit lonely. It's open to couples or people on their own and it's a nice afternoon.

"The cost is just a pound each week and for that there's a talk or lecture on an interesting subject, a cup of tea and a chat with friends. We have a varied programme and lots of different people who come along.

"We also have a cream tea in August and a post-Christmas lunch in January. People enjoy it, it's a good programme."

The group meets every second Thursday of the month at 2.15pm and welcomes new members.

The event raised £65 for Julia's House.

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TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

International Womens Day concert with O'Hooley & Tidow, Lady Maisery & Grace Petrie

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Coven: Featuring O'Hooley & Tidow play at Bridport Arts Centre on Thursday, March 9th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £14 and £12 concessions, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Coven

Celebration of Legendary Jazz Singer Billie Holiday

KNOWN FOR her definitive interpretations of classic jazz standards such as Summertime, Love Me or Leave Me and God Bless the Child, Billie Holiday is considered to be one of the greatest jazz vocalists of all time. Listen to vocalist Julie Dunn and pianist Philip Clouts in a tribute to Holiday's ongoing legacy as part of the Marine Theatre 'Jazz in the Bar' series in Lyme Regis on Sunday, March 12th.

Born in America in 1915, by 1933 Billie Holiday was already singing in Harlem jazz clubs, where she was discovered by the producer and talent scout John Hammond. Hammond immediately arranged three recording sessions for her with Benny Goodman and found more work for her in New York clubs. In 1935, he began recording her regularly, usually under the direction of Teddy Wilson, with studio bands that included many of the finest jazz musicians of the day. These recordings, made between 1935 and 1942, constitute a major body of jazz music; many include work by saxophonist Lester Young, with whom Holiday had particular empathy. The recordings caught the attention of musicians throughout America and soon other singers were working in Holiday's light, rhythmic manner.

Popularity with a wider audience came more slowly. Holiday joined Count Basie in 1937 and Artie Shaw in 1938, becoming one of the first black singers to be featured with a white orchestra. She started to have success with slow, melancholy songs of unrequited love, particularly Lover Man (1944). By the end of the 1940s, she was a popular star, and in 1946 took part in the film New Orleans with Louis Armstrong and Kid Ory.

Although she continued to sing and record, and to tour frequently until the mid-1950s, it was no longer with her former spirit and skill. She died in 1959.

Holiday is often considered the foremost female singer in jazz history, a view substantiated by her influence on later singers. Her voice carried a wounded poignancy that was part of her attraction for audiences.

Julie Dunn is the perfect vocalist to pay tribute to Billie Holiday. She has released four CDs, playing alongside Johnny Dankworth's son Alec, and she has toured the country playing in prestigious venues such as the Vortex and the 606 Club in London.

Julie will be joined by pianist Philip Clouts of whom *Jazzwise Magazine* has said "Clouts' solos have an attractively crisp, bluesy clarity that's punctuated with evocative impressionism".

Julie Dunn and Philip Clouts perform for Jazz in the Bar at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, March 12th at 8pm. Tickets are £11, available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

Brit Award winner Beverly Craven plays Dorchester

BRIT AWARD winner Beverly Craven will be performing both her timeless classics and new material at Dorchester Arts this Saturday, March 11th.

Dorchester Arts is one of a handful of select venues to be hosting Beverly as she continues to promote her acclaimed latest album 'Change of Heart'.

Beverley became a household name in the early 90s with her single, Promise Me, becoming a huge hit across Europe. She followed that up with a string of chart successes including 'Memories', 'Holding On', 'Woman To Woman' and 'Love Scenes'. Her new album is a more personal reflection on her life and career following a recent recovery from breast cancer."

With a witty narrative and unforgettable melodies, her poignant sentiments will leave you with a warm glow of nostalgia, or maybe even the odd tear.

Beverly Craven plays at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, March 11 at 8pm.

Tickets are £22.50 full price or £20.50 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

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Absolute Bowie. Photo by Emily Aldridge Photography

Celebrating Ella's centenary

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Maggie Reeday and Philip Clouts play at The Gateway in Seaton on Friday, March 24th. Doors open 7.30pm with performance 8pm. Tickets are £13 in advance, available from The Gateway Box Office 01297 625699.

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The duo will also play at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, March 11th at 8pm. Tickets are £13 or £12 concessions. For more details or to book call 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

The Oxley Meier Guitar Project

Marine Theatre to screen Embrace

BODY IMAGE activist Taryn Brumfitt wrote, produced and directed *Embrace* after an unconventional 'before and after' photo she posted in 2013 was seen over 100 million times and sparked an international media frenzy.

The Marine Theatre will be showing *Embrace* this Thursday, March 9th at 8pm.

Embrace is told from the point of view of Taryn as she traverses the globe talking to experts, women in the street and well-known personalities about the alarming rates of body image issues that are seen in people of all body types. She interviews Ricki Lake, Amanda de Cadenet, Jeffrey Madoff, Dr Linda Bacon, Mia Freedman and more.

Taryn says: "I felt really compelled to make the film because so many people had reached out to me.

"When I read those 7000 emails it wasn't just females from 35 to 45 years of age that wrote to me it was people from all walks of life sharing their stories of body image issues.

"This isn't a fluffy, body image piece that gets tacked on to the end of a news segment, this is an issue that's affecting millions of people every single day."

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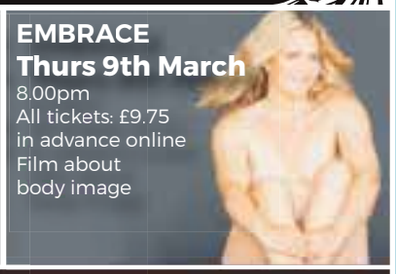

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Touch Stones

B-SIDE upped sticks and made the permanent move to the Isle of Portland in Dorset last year. Taking over an empty shop space in Fortuneswell, the new space became a real hub at the Festival in September and has since hosted various community and artist events.

This March sees the start of programme of activities that will experiment with and investigate how b-side and others can make use of the project space. A creatively diverse programme is already shaping up, beginning with work by Somerset sculptor Simon Hitchens.

Simon is showing a group of work entitled 'Touch Stones' which centres on his film Genesis, which explores ideas of what it is to be human and our relationship to the impermanence of life. There is an uncanny simplicity to the film like the meditative calm found in a Zen garden, where displaced rocks become almost body-like. What at first appears to be a benign boulder sat in an arcane landscape slowly begins to take on human qualities: is this a genesis, or the genesis?

Talking on the project, Simon commented: "The film can be viewed as a landscape painting, a still life or even a self-portrait. I chose to use film because I wished to explore my ideas through a new medium, one that challenged how I went about making my art. The process of making it was slow, and involved working with a technical editor which in turn allowed me a greater degree of objectivity that I found rewarding."

Join Simon at outpost on Saturday, March 16th at 7pm to hear more about his work. Please see website for all info and booking details.

'Touch Stones' is open from March 16th until April 8th, Tuesday to Saturday, 12-5pm. Admission FREE. For more details visit the website www.b-side.org.uk

Simon Hitchens: Portrait of the artist with Flesh of the World

Mother and Daughter: I'm Glad I Asked!

AS WOMEN march en masse across the world in protest at the new Trump Presidency, and we celebrate International Women's Day on Wednesday, March 8th, it has become an important time in history for women to make their voices heard. A solo show coming to The Lyric Theatre in Bridport on Friday, March 10th celebrates mothers and daughters in a special and timely performance.

Dorset artist and performer Michele O'Brien, now caring for her elderly mother, began a year ago to ask her mother the answers to the questions she had always wanted to know but didn't like to ask. Michele then embarked on a year-long project to encourage Mothers and Daughters to ask each other all the things they wanted to know before it was essentially too late. Accompanied by visual artist Denise Poote and photographer Caroline Johnson, Michele worked with women and recorded the questions and answers to some comfortable and not so comfortable questions.

Michele's research led her to create a new one-woman show exploring the relationship with her own mother. She now brings it to The Lyric Theatre in Bridport on Friday, March 10th, accompanied by an exhibition of the research and a free workshop for mothers and daughters the following day.

Mother and Daughter: I'm Glad I Asked is a funny, tender heart-felt, one woman show drawn from workshops across the area with local women and life with Michele's own 91-year-old mother, Gena. It is an honest and truthful reflection on what it means to have an older parent and the questions we need to ask, but rarely get the chance to. We often hear people say "If only I asked!" when a parent is no longer with us but Michele is determined to change that.

Michele and her director Katherina Radeva were at The Lyric for a fortnight in September last year to create the piece. Michele says, "The Lyric was a beautiful creation space to work in and we can't wait to bring the finished show back here."

Tickets are £12, available in advance from Bridport Arts Centre: 01308 424204 / www.bridport-arts.com and BearKat Bistro, or on the door if available from 7pm.

An exhibition of the research and work that took place in workshops in Dorset over the last year takes place on Friday, March at 8pm (doors 7pm).

A free memory workshop for Mothers and Daughters (16yrs+) takes place on Saturday, March 11th, 11am to 12.30pm.

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Howzat?! One-man show about cricket legend comes to Dorchester

THE HIGH SHERIFF of Dorset and Dorset County Cricket Club are combining to sponsor a second performance in the county of the one-man show "When the Eye Has Gone", to be staged in the Theatre of the Thomas Hardye School in Dorchester at 7.30pm on Monday, March 20th. All proceeds will be divided between the Dorset Shrievalty Charitable Trust and the mental health charity MIND.

Those of us with longish memories and a love of cricket may remember Colin (Ollie) Milburn as one of England's most exciting and likeable players, whose star burned brightly, but, sadly, all too briefly.

This is the theme of a brilliant one-man show, "When the eye has gone", based on his life, which is taking place on Monday, March 20th at 7.30pm, at the Thomas Hardye's School Theatre, Queens Avenue, Dorchester DT1 2ET.

The show received great reviews in *The Guardian* and *The Telegraph*, and from its tour around the 18 first-class counties. The attached press releases give more details of both the show and the Shrievalty Fund/MIND charity, to which proceeds will be given.

Tickets are only £10. To reserve tickets, contact Mike Williams on 01305 756593 or mikewilliams969@hotmail.com .

Dan Gaisford as Colin Milburn

Bridport Story Cafe: The Falcon Bride

BEAUTIFUL, fierce and deadly, Hallgerd is not a woman to be taken lightly, ripping through husbands like a falcon through its prey. But has she met her match in Gunnar, a true Viking hero?

Katy Cawkwell tells episodes from the great Icelandic Njal's Saga, offering a fascinating glimpse into pagan society in the land of fire and ice. Darkly comic, tragically romantic by turns, this is a tale of sex, murder, power politics and the importance of salt fish… the original Nordic Noir!

Katy has been storytelling for 20 years across Britain and beyond. She is well-known for unravelling epic narratives into compelling, glittering stories that linger in the mind long after they are told.

The storytelling begins at 7.30pm on Friday, March 17th. The evening is suitable for adults and older children. Tickets are £8 (£5 concessions) available on the night and in advance from Bridport Arts Centre box office 01308 424204 or website www.bridport-arts.com

Salaam

Sonia Sabri Company bring 'peace' to Dorset

SALAAM, meaning 'peace', is Sonia Sabri Company's latest stunning creation, devised in response to the unrest around the world. This double-bill programme cleverly weaves a dialogue between live music and Kathak dance, and will be touring to Dorset in March through Artsreach, the counties touring arts charity.

Sonia Sabri Company is one of Britain's leading South Asian Dance and Music companies, exciting the national and international dance scene by presenting Kathak dance in new spaces and contexts, and to new audiences, developing a distinctive, contemporary style which speaks to the here and now. With the world-renowned Tabla maestro Sarvar Sabri performing outstanding compositions of rhythm, and accompaniment on powerful vocals by the talented Shoma Dey on the harmonium, the performance is fuelled with a vibrating a resonance.

Poignant metaphorical narratives combined with Sonia's command of intricate footwork, eloquent gesture and rapid spins takes audiences on a powerful journey. Early booking is advised.

Sonia Sabri Company bring *Salaam* to Halstock Village Hall on Friday, March 17th at 7.30pm.

Oh My Country!

Shappi Khorsandi talks everything from Morris Dancing to Morrissey in her new show

SHAPPI is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of her arrival in Britain. She's reclaiming patriotism, sending a love letter to her adopted land. Please don't come if you're a skinhead (though naturally bald folk are welcome).

Star of Live At The Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, Have I Got News for You and Q.I, she is back with a brand new show for 2017.

She has whip-crack jokes and is effortlessly funny as she handles every subject with a razor sharp wit, softened only by her deliciously mischievous delivery and endless charm.

Shappi Khorsandi is also the best selling author of 'A Beginners Guide to Acting English' and her debut novel 'Nina is not OK' is published by Ebury in July 2016. Shappi was also recently elected president of the British Humanist society.

Shappi Khorsandi comes to Bridport Arts Centre this Friday, March 10th at 8pm. Tickets are £15, and £13 concessions, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204. The show is suitable for over 16s only.

This week's new cinema

KONG: SKULL ISLAND 12A
A TEAM of explorers and soldiers travel to an uncharted island in the Pacific, unaware that they are crossing into the domain of monsters, including the mythic Kong.
Stars Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L Jackson and Brie Larson.

I.T. 15
MIKE REGAN has everything he could ever want, a beautiful family and a top of the line smart house. The company he owns is on the verge of changing flight leasing forever. That is, until the relationship with his I.T. advisor turns nasty, to the point where his teenage daughter is being stalked and his family is under attack through every technological facet of their lives.
Stars Pierce Brosnan, Jason Barry and Karen Moskow.

ALONE IN BERLIN 15
BERLIN, 1940. Working class couple Otto and Anna Quangel receive the news that their only son has lost his life in the battlefield and decide to resist the Nazi regime in their very own way. Soon the Gestapo is hunting "the threat".
Stars Emma Thompson, Daniel Brühl and Brendan Gleeson.

Cinema Listings

Fri, Mar 10th - Thu, Mar 16th

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Fist Fight 15
Fri, Mon: 11.30, 20.45
Sat, Sun, Tue-Thu: 20.45
Kong: Skull Island 12A
Fri-Mon: 11.30, 14.30, 17.30, 20.30
Tue-ThuL 17.30, 20.30
Logan 15
Fri-Sun: 14.00, 17.15, 20.00
Tue-Thu: 17.15, 20.00
Sing 2D U
Sat & Sun: 11.45, 14.45
The Lego Batman Movie U
Sat: 11.00, 13.45, Sun: 11.45, 14.30
The Time of Their Lives 15
Fri, Mon: 11.45, 14.45, 17.45, 20.45
Sat, Sun, Tue-Thu: 17.45, 20.45
Viceroy's House 12A
Fri, Mon: 11.15, 14.15, 17.00
Sat & Sun: 11.15, 17.00
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Kong: Skull Island 3D 12A
Fri, Sat, Mon-Thu: 12.30, 18.00
Sun: 12.30, 20.45
Kong: Skull Island 2D 12A
Mon: 20.45
La La Land 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed: 14.30,
Tue & Thu: 20.20
Logan 15
Daily: 13.45, 16.50, 20.00
Moonlight 15
Fri-Sun, Wed: 20.20
Sing 2D U
Sat & Sun: 11.15am
Storks U
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
The Lego Batman Movie U
Sat & Sun: 9.45, 12.15, 15.00
Viceroy's House 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed: 12.00, 17.30
Sat & Sun: 17.30
Tue & Thu: 11.15, 17.30

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Sun 12th: 15.00

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Fifty Shades Darker 18
Fri, Mon-Thu: 17.50,
Sat & Sun: 17.00
Finding Dory U
Sat & Sun: 10.30am
Fist Fight 15
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.00, 21.15,
Sat & Sun: 21.15
Hidden Figures PG
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 13.30, 17.15,
Sat & Sun: 17.15,
Tue: 12.00, 21.15
John Wick: Chapter 2 15
Daily: 17.30
Kong: Skull Island 3D 12A
Daily: 12.45, 18.15
Kong: Skull Island 2D 12A
Fri: 14.20, 15.30, 17.10, 19.00, 20.00, 21.00, 21.40
Sat & Sun: 11.30, 14.20, 15.30, 17.10, 19.00, 20.00, 21.00, 21.40
Mon-Thu: 14.20, 15.30, 17.10, 19.00, 20.00, 21.00
Lion PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 20.40,
Sat & Sun: 19.50
Logan 15
Fri, Mon-Tue, Thu: 13.10, 14.10, 16.20, 17.20, 19.30, 20.30
Sat: 11.00, 13.10, 14.10, 16.20, 19.30, 21.20
Sun: 11.00, 13.10, 14.10, 16.20, 17.20, 19.30, 20.30
Wed: 13.10, 14.10, 16.20, 17.20, 19.30
Moonlight 15
Fri: 13.00, Sat: 11.50, 20.20
Sun: 20.20,
Mon-Thu: 12.30, 15.10, 20.20
Patriots Day 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.00,
Sat & Sun: 11.40am
Sing U
Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.30,
Sat & Sun: 11.15, 13.50, 16.30
The Great Wall 12A
Daily: 14.40
The Lego Batman Movie 2D U
Fri: 16.00, Sat: 12.30, 13.30, 15.00, 16.00
Sun: 10.50, 12.30, 13.30, 15.00, 16.00
Mon-Thu: 16.00
The Time of Their Lives 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.15, 18.30,
Sun: 18.30
Viceroy's House 12A
Fri, Mon-Tue, Thu: 15.00, 20.10,
Sat & Sun: 14.30, 20.10
Wed: 15.00, 20.30

Young Musicians' Spring Concert in aid of Julia's House

DORCHESTER will be treated to a special concert given by young musicians from local schools on Sunday, March 19th.

There will be a varied programme of music performed by young people of all ages, brought together by the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership.

The concert will be held in the Corn Exchange, from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. (Doors open at 2pm). There will be free entry and a retiring collection for Julia's House, the Dorset children's hospice.

Refreshments will be served, and there is also a special raffle. Do come along and hear the amazing talent of our local young people.

Banff Mountain Film Festival returns bigger than ever!

THE Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is back in the UK and Ireland for 2017, with more screenings and more action than ever before.

Featuring an evening of exhilarating adventure films, the tour comes to Weymouth Pavilion on Friday, March 24th.

"It's fantastic to be back with our biggest tour yet – a reflection of the enormous appetite for adventure that UK and Irish audiences have," says Tour Director Nell Teasdale.

"The Banff Tour is more than a series of exhilarating film nights. Each screening offers a real sense of community, bringing together people with a wide range of outdoor passions. And we guarantee that viewers will leave with new enthusiasm and inspiration for their own adventures too!"

The short films, starring the world's top adventurers on exciting journeys in mind-blowing destinations, are selected from hundreds of films entered into the prestigious Banff Mountain Film Festival held every year in the Canadian Rockies.

This year's UK and Ireland tour includes 14 hugely diverse films, featuring everything from tales of high-adrenaline action to poignant environmental documentaries. There's also a significant focus on women in adventure; and the collection stars a number of UK adventurers, as well as athletes and escapades from all over the globe.

The films are split between two different programmes, each lasting about 21/2 hours, with free prize giveaways at each screening. The tour is part of the wider Banff World Tour, which travels the globe each year, visiting nearly 50 countries and reaching more than 400,000 people worldwide.

The full film programme is available at www.banff-uk.com/films.

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UNTIL WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH

Lyme Regis: Dorset based artists Esme James and Lucy Tidbury will be displaying their original paintings and prints inspired by the English countryside alongside local furniture designer Jason Cameron with a selection of his contemporary hardwood furniture at this exhibition entitled Essence of Nature. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

UNTIL SUNDAY MARCH 19TH

Lyme Regis: Art in Action sees four local painters of landscapes, abstracts and mixed media—Julie Oldfield, Philip Clayton, Irina Song and Duncan Harris—turn the Malthouse into their open studio for two weeks. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH

Dorchester: Classic film 'Reach for the Sky' showing at Age UK Dorchester. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing for just £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.
Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.
Lyme Regis: Lent lunches at St Michael's Parish Church Hall, 12.30-1.30pm. In aid of Christian Aid.

THURSDAY MARCH 9TH

Dorchester: 'Auriculas for Everyone' talk by Gil & Lesley Roberts of Pop's Plants, National Collection Holders of Auriculas. At the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. 7pm for 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £2.50, students £1 at the door.
Dorchester: Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall. Wendy Hilton will give a presentation of her holiday to India, covering visits relating to religion, palaces, mausoleums and street life. Start at 2.15pm, and the charge is £1, which includes a biscuit and a cup of tea/coffee. All are welcome. For more details call 01305 269834.
Eype, Bridport: Aqua fit classes for all ages and abilities. Get fit while having fun in the water. 10.30-11.30am, Highland's End swimming pool. Also Baby and Toddler classes 11.30-12noon. Contact Penny Yarnold on 07970 879 047 for more details. Swimming lessons also available.

FRIDAY MARCH 10TH

Weymouth: Knot and Natter Coffee Morning 11am-12noon. Afternoon Talk by Anna Pavord - gardening correspondent. Time and admission to be confirmed. All events at Weymouth Library. More details from The Secretary on 01305 832613. Knit and Natter contact 01305 777476. Booking advisable.
Bridport: Christian Aid Lent Soup & Roll Lunch. At Catherine & St Mary Church, at Swithuns Church, Allington. Everybody is welcome to this friendly and relaxed lunch. Suggested donation of £2.50. 2.45pm.
Askerswell: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
Lyme Regis: U3A Heritage Coast. 'The Victorian Head Gardener': a talk by Francis Burroughes. Discover the fascinating life of the Victorian country estate from the perspective of those 'on the ground'. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10.00am, talk at 11.00am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.
Martinstown: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
West Bay, Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

SATURDAY MARCH 11TH

Loders: West Dorset Group of the SDFHS meeting at Loders Village Hall, 2.00. Roy Stockdill will talk about 'Celebrities with Dorset Roots' including Judi Dench, Ricky Gervais, Kate Winslet and Emma Chambers. All welcome, members £1.50, visitors £3.00 includes tea and biscuits.For more details contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com
Osmington: Coffee Morning in aid of Weldmar at Craig's Farm Dairy. 10am-12.30pm. Coffee/tea and cake £2. Raffle.
Uplyme: Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning at Uplyme Village Hall. 11am-1pm. Free entry. Books, games, toys, DVDs, bric-a-brac, refreshments, cakes and much more!

MONDAY MARCH 13TH

Burton Bradstock: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk
Beaminster: Moviola presents 'Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton 01308 862715. Weekdays 9.30-12.30, and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, £5.50 on the door.
Southill: The next meeting of the Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Monday 13 March at 7.30pm. The invited speaker is Bob Ford and he will presenting on the subject of "Radipole before the RSPB". Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.
Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
Eype, Bridport: Aqua fit classes for all ages and abilities. Get fit while having fun in the water. 10.30-11.30am, Highland's End swimming pool. Also Baby and Toddler classes 11.30-12noon. Contact Penny Yarnold on 07970 879 047 for more details. Swimming lessons also available.

TUESDAY MARCH 14TH

Askerswell: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
Bridport: Bridport History Society, United Church Hall, East St. Bridport, 2.30. Eric Galvin will talk about 'Joseph Clark a popular Victorian artist and his world' Joseph was from Cerne Abbas. All welcome, members £1.00, visitors £2.50. For more details contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com
West Bay, Bridport: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.
Broadwindsor: Broadwindsor Jammers Guitar Club, Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor, 2pm - 5pm. Every 2nd Tuesday. Simply turn up with your acoustic guitar and music stand, if you have one, and enjoy a fun afternoon of playing popular songs from most genres using song sheets with chords provided. All ages and abilities welcome. The cost for the afternoon is only £3 which includes refreshments at half-time. For further information phone Geoff on 01308 867221 or email geoff381@hotmail.com

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH

Eype, near Bridport: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'Eric Ravilious - A Life In Pictures' speaker James Russell. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.
Uplyme: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society trip to the National Trust's Kingston Lacy. We hope the snowdrops will still be in full bloom, there will be a guided tour of the house and garden laid on, so plenty to see and do whatever the weather. The coach leaves Uplyme Village Hall at 9 am - for National Trust members the cost is £12, non-members £21. If you are not a member of ULRHS you are still welcome for an extra £3. Please ring Jenny Harding on 01297 444034 to book your place, as son as possible so that numbers can be finalised.
Lyme Regis: Lent lunches at St Michael's Parish Church Hall, 12.30-1.30pm. In aid of Christian Aid.
Dorchester: Coffee Pop in at Dorchester Community Church, Acland Road. 9.30am-12noon. A warm welcome awaits as well as a tea or coffee. Stall selling small items including books, bric-a-brac, and handcrafted greetings cards for all occasions. All proceeds are for the work of Dorcas Wessex Trust. Everyone welcome. Come and bring a friend.
Dorchester: Aquinas Piano Trio at Dorchester County Museum, 7.30pm. Ruth Rogers (violin), Katherine Jenkinson (cello), Martin Cousin (piano), Sarah-Jane Bradley (viola) and Paul Kimber (double bass) perform pieces by Schubert and Brahms.

THURSDAY MARCH 16TH

Lyme Regis: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Horseshoes 5-club competition at Kilmington Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Eype, Bridport: Aqua fit classes for all ages and abilities. Get fit while having fun in the water. 10.30-11.30am, Highland's End swimming pool. Also Baby and Toddler classes 11.30-12noon. Contact Penny Yarnold on 07970 879 047 for more details. Swimming lessons also available.

FRIDAY MARCH 17TH

Lyme Regis: Lyme Bay Photographic Club talk. Speaker: Bruce Upton, from Bridport Museum, will talk about 'All Stations to West Bay' plus show various portraits of local people. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Time to turn the mobiles off, theatregoers

■ Ralf Little and Kate Fleetwood star in the harrowing Ugly Lies the Bone at the National Theatre *Photo by Mark Douet*

MY THEATRICAL enjoyment was once again hampered this week by the scourge of the mobile phone.

It comes in a week when the government has introduced stiffer penalties for those using their phone while driving and I think we should all take a long hard look at our need for almost constant engagement with the digital world.

Those of you who know me well, will have noticed that I'm a bit of a slave to social media and I hate missing emails or messages, however I would never have my phone on in the car and would die of embarrassment if it ever went off in the theatre.

During a media night performance of Wicked last week the couple sitting in front of me intermittently checked their social media throughout the performance, which was hugely distracting for those around them.

We are not talking about the sound of ringing or even the odd ping of a message (which most people thankfully now understand to be inappropriate) but instead a continuous influx of light pollution, which detracted from the carefully crafted ambience.

What many people don't realise is that your phone acts as a spotlight when you're in the theatre, so everyone on stage and around the auditorium can see you.

In fact, when I perched in an onstage seat at a recent performance of *This House* at the Garrick Theatre, one particular numpty was lit up like a carnival float for most of Act one, as she couldn't bear to be away from her phone.

It's generally not young people who are the main culprits either, and I just wish we could fine the perpetrators and use the money to pay for those less fortunate to attend in their stead.

I know hundreds of people who simply can't afford to see West End shows and yet night after night there are rude and selfish people who buy tickets and then don't pay attention to the production.

Someone once told me that they had a family emergency and so they had to keep the phone on just incase the situation changed. If you've got a family emergency, why the devil are you going to the theatre in the first place?

Worse than that, at my most recent visit to the Arts Theatre for a press performance, a reviewer who was sitting next to me kept lighting up to check messages throughout. I scowled at him, but he didn't take the hint.

I have previously simply told people to turn their phones off, but you are never sure if you're going to be greeted with an angry response, so I've become more careful recently.

It's not just phones that cause anger among regular theatregoers and this week the issue of whether food should be allowed has been a hot topic.

Imelda Staunton hit the headlines last year by saying food should be banned from the theatre and this week the producers of her latest play, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* at the Harold Pinter Theatre have granted her wish.

An article on The Stage's website (www.thestage.co.uk) claims that in an email to ticket bookers, Ambassador Theatre Group – which operates the Harold Pinter – said no food would be allowed to be eaten during the show.

"Out of consideration for the actors and for fellow audience members, we ask that no food be consumed during the performance," it said.

I don't want to discourage people from going to the theatre, but if you can't manage a couple of hours without eating or checking your phone, well in my opinion, you shouldn't be there.

As you can gather, it really gets my goat and the stagey world has been filled with discussions over the best course of action for a long time.

Right, that's my rant over.

I didn't let the phone issue ruin my time in the capital and I had a busy week filled with theatre outings, which included another trip to see Wicked (awesome as usual) a visit to the Apollo to see Tom Stoppard's *Travesties* (a bit above me!) and my first ever visit to the National Theatre to see a play called *Ugly Lies the Bone,* which was pretty harrowing stuff.

I also auditioned for my latest local stage foray and I will let you know if I was successful in due course.

Next week I'm off to see *The Diary of a Teenage Girl* at Southwark Playhouse and as I'm a custodian of a female adolescent, I'm approaching it with trepidation.

I'll also have the pleasure of seeing Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe on stage at the Old Vic, which is very exciting and I've got a few celebrity interviews on the cards.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

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5 TIPS FOR CENTRAL HEATING

By Julia Gray, Press Association

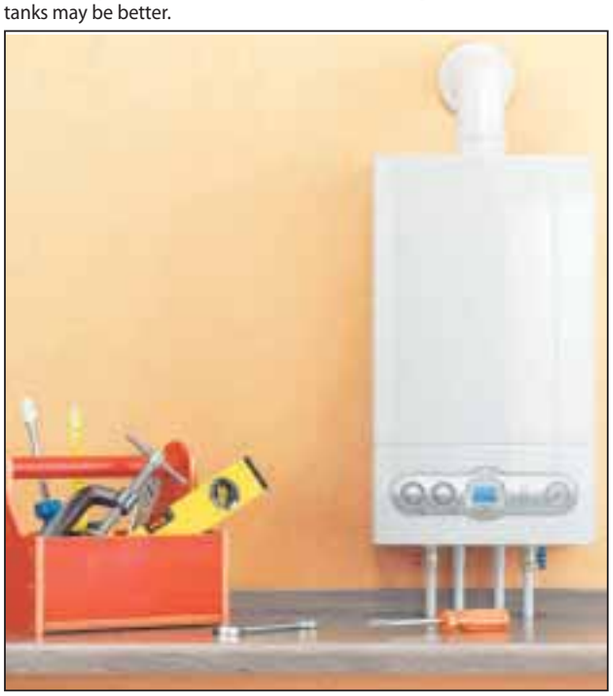
1. The size of your home, especially the number of bathrooms or shower rooms you have, and how much heating and hot water your household uses, will largely determine your choice of boiler. There are three main types of boiler: regular, system and combi. Regular boilers need a cylinder (to store hot water) and tanks. System boilers also need a hot-water cylinder, which allows them to feed several outlets, such as taps and showers, at the same time, but they don't need tanks.

2. Combis are a popular choice, as you only have to find room for the boiler itself - there are no tanks or cylinder, although some combis have a built-in tank, which gives the higher flow rate needed in a bigger property. Combis heat water on demand, so you only pay for what you use, and they deliver it at mains pressure. Combis are most suitable for homes with one bathroom/shower room, although they can work in homes with two, providing they're powerful enough. If you have more bathrooms than that, a combi probably isn't suitable.

3. If you're renovating a property that hasn't been updated in decades, it may be necessary to change the whole central heating system. A new boiler, cylinder, radiators and adjustable radiator valves should make a big difference to how good - and efficient - the system is, but don't overlook the pipework. If the central heating system is gravity fed and you're switching to a pressurised system, the pipework will be under pressure for the first time and may leak as a result. Old copper pipework may not be done to today's standards and may even be leaking without you knowing, so leaving it in place can be a false economy. Most plumbers now use plastic pipework where it can't be seen, such as under floorboards, because it's quicker and easier to fit than copper. They should use copper where it can be seen, such as radiator pipes, and close to the boiler, where it's too hot for plastic.

4. If your boiler has a hot-water cylinder, you may want to get rid of it by fitting a combi, or relocate the cylinder, as new cylinders are often a different shape and size to old ones. This could free up space in your bathroom for a shower cubicle where the airing cupboard/cylinder was, for example. Old boilers also tend to be large, but many new ones aren't and some are so small that they fit in a kitchen wall unit, saving space and giving the kitchen a neater look because the boiler's hidden.

5. Think about any big home improvements, such as an extension or loft conversion, you may make in future and how this will impact on the boiler. Will the existing boiler be able to comfortably supply more radiators and bathrooms, or will you need a new one? If there's a tank for the boiler in the loft and you're planning to convert the loft, the tank will probably have to be changed to one that fits in the eaves' storage, so a boiler without tanks may be better.



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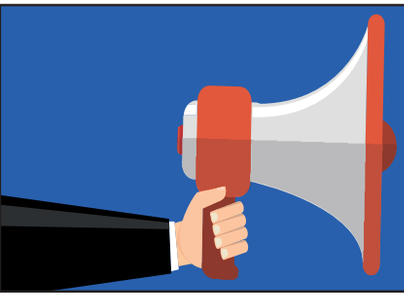

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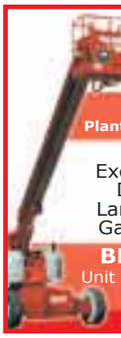

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Volvo Cars reveals new XC60 premium SUV

VOLVO Cars, the premium car maker, today revealed the long-awaited new XC60 premium SUV at the Geneva Motor Show.

The new car replaces Volvo's highly successful original XC60, which in the nine years since its launch became the best-selling premium mid-sized SUV in Europe, with nearly a million units sold globally. The XC60 today represents around 30 per cent of Volvo's total global sales.

"We have a strong heritage in designing stylish and dynamic SUVs that offer the latest in technology. The new XC60 will be no exception. It's the perfect car for an active lifestyle, and it represents the next step in our transformation plan," said Håkan Samuelsson, President and Chief Executive, Volvo Car Group.

New comfort and safety technology

The new XC60, one of the safest cars ever made, is fully loaded with new technology. Steer Assist has been added to the ground-breaking City Safety system. A new safety system called Oncoming Lane Mitigation uses Steer Assist to help mitigate head-on collisions, while Volvo's Blind Spot Indication System (BLIS) now uses Steer Assist functionality to reduce the risk of lane-changing collisions.

"We have focused on building a car that can deliver pleasure to all of your senses – from a commanding view of the road ahead in a beautifully appointed and calm cabin, to a safe, inspired and confident ride," said Henrik Green, Senior Vice President Product & Quality at Volvo Car Group. "We've paid particular attention to making life easier for our customers by providing them with the creature comforts and services that take the hassle out of everyday life."

Pilot Assist, Volvo's advanced semi-autonomous driver-assistance system, which takes care of steering, acceleration and braking on well-marked roads up to 130 km/h, is available in the new XC60 as an option.

Performance

The new XC60 offers Volvo's award-winning T8 Twin Engine petrol plug-in hybrid at the top of the powertrain range, delivering 407 hp and acceleration from 0-100 km/h in just 5.3 seconds.

"We have a wide range of powertrains. The new XC60 will be launched with the diesel D4 engine at 190 hp and the D5 with PowerPulse technology delivering 235 hp. We also have the petrol-powered T5 delivering 254 hp and the T6 which, with both turbo and superchargers attached, delivers 320 hp and 400 Nm of torque," added Henrik Green.

But it is not just under the bonnet that the new XC60 delivers healthy performance. The new CleanZone four-zone climate control system removes harmful pollutants and particles from outside the cabin to deliver Scandinavian-fresh air on the inside.

Volvo Cars' driver infotainment and connected services offer, Sensus, and the Volvo On Call app both receive a graphical update with improved usability. As in the 90 series cars, smartphone integration with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto is also available.

Sculpted feel

"The XC60 is an SUV not designed to look down on others but to drive. The exterior has an athletic sculpture with a subtle, timeless quality. The interior is a masterful composition of well-resolved architecture, beautiful materials and the very latest technology – all perfectly blended together. The XC60 provides a true Scandinavian experience, which will make our customers feel special," said Thomas Ingenlath, Senior Vice President, Design at Volvo Car Group.

Volvo Cars' new XC60 is set to go into production in mid-April at the Torslanda Plant in Sweden.

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Evo-Stik Premier South (46)	Pld	Pts
Chippenham Town	38	82
Leamington	36	75
Hitchin Town	37	75
Slough Town	36	73
Merthyr Town	38	72
Banbury Utd	37	64
Chesham Utd	36	61
Frome Town	36	59
Kettering Town	37	58
Biggleswade Town	37	52
WEYMOUTH	37	50
Basingstoke Town	38	50
King's Lynn Town	37	49
Redditch Utd	38	47
St Ives Town	37	46
Dunstable Town	37	44
Stratford Town	37	41
DORCHESTER TOWN	37	38
Kings Langley	37	34
St Neots Town	36	34
Cambridge City	36	31
Hayes & Yeading Town	35	31
Cirencester Town	38	30
Cinderford Town	34	21

Wessex Premier (42)	Pld	Pts
Moneyfields	34	82
Blackfield & Langley	34	75
PORTLAND UTD	32	71
Sholing	33	68
AFC Portchester	32	53
Horndean	32	53
Alresford Town	30	52
Lymington Town	34	50
Team Solent	29	47
Andover Town	33	45
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	31	44
Newport IoW	32	44
Brockenhurst	33	44
Fareham Town	33	39
Bashley	33	36
Hamworthy Utd	34	35
Amesbury Town	33	35
Bournemouth	34	32
Cowes Sports	33	29
Whitchurch Utd	32	25
Fawley	34	25
Verwood Town	35	21

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
BALTI SPORTS	27	63
Holt Utd	22	58
Swanage & Herston	24	49
Hamworthy Recreation	25	48*
Westland Sports	25	46
DORCHESTER SPORTS	23	45
Gillingham Town Res	22	40
Parley Sports	21	38
Merley Cobham Sports	19	36
Blandford Utd	24	33
Sturminster Newton Utd	25	26
BRIDPORT RESERVES	24	25
Wareham Rangers	22	21
Mere Town	25	19
Hamworthy Utd Reserves	26	17
Sherborne Town Reserves	25	10
Cranborne	25	3

Dorset Senior League (26)	Pld	Pts
Witchampton Utd	18	44
DORCHESTER SP RES	16	39
Milborne Port	19	34
Allendale	18	33
Shaftesbury Town Res	13	31
Corfe Mullen Utd	19	29
PORTLAND UTD RES	19	26
CHICKERELL UTD	16	23
Poole Borough	19	20
Wincanton Town Res	15	19
Piddletrenthide Utd	17	16*
Boscombe Polonia	15	10
Blandford Utd Res	18	10
Westlands Sports Res	14	2

Dorset League Div 1 (26)	Pld	Pts
Corfe Castle	17	38
Broadstone	18	38
AFC Blandford	15	33
Canford Utd	19	33
Mere Town Reserves	16	32
Wareham Rangers Res	13	26
Tisbury	16	25
Swanage & Herston Res	15	23
Wool & Winfrith	20	20
Parley Sports Res	17	19
BALTI SPORTS RES	19	18
PORTLAND UTD YOUTH	18	17*
WEYMOUTH A	18	13
PORTLAND TOWN	15	4

Dorset League Div 2 (20)	Pld	Pts
Allendale Reserves	15	36
Broadmayne	17	34
Piddlehinton Utd	16	32
MAIDEN NEWTON & C	16	28
PORTESHAM UTD	17	23
Owermoigne	18	22
Stalbridge	13	20
Sturm Newton Utd Res	14	20
CHICKERELL UTD RES	16	12
Broadstone Res	17	11
Milborne Port Res	13	8

Dorset League Div 3 (22)	Pld	Pts
Sturminster Marshall	20	55
Okeford Utd	17	38
Allendale A	21	38
AFC Blandford Res	21	32
Marnhull	18	28
Handley Sports	16	26
Donhead Utd	18	23
South Cheriton Utd	18	22
PORTLAND TOWN A	21	20
Pimperne Sports Society	20	18
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	20	17
Wool & Winfrith Res	16	9

Dorset Div Four (22)	Pld	Pts
Swanage RBL	19	44
Corfe Castle Res	17	37
BRIDPORT A	14	35
CHICKERELL UTD A	18	35
PORTLAND TOWN B	18	26
PORTESHAM UTD RES	19	25
Lytchett & Upton RT	19	23
Shillingstone	18	18
Marnhull Res	15	16*
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Wool & Winfrith A	15	9*
Wincanton Town A	14	8*

Dorset Football

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Blues in second half goal rush

Portland United 4 Horndean 1
Wessex Premier – att; 153

PORTLAND United came from behind to hit four second half goals without reply to maintain their bid for the title at The Grove on Saturday.

The Blues were presented with the January Sydenhams Wessex League Team of the Month award for the Premier Division prior to the match, and they needed to show that form against a big, strong Horndean side who drew first blood after 15 minutes despite playing against the strong wind blowing down the pitch.

Connor Duffin's cross into the penalty area from the right saw Alex Halloran bring down Joe Richardson, who after treatment had to be replaced having suffered a broken collarbone. Jack Maloney fired home the resultant spot kick past Sean Lillington, back after a thigh injury.

Darren Watts had a chance to equalise when he ghosted in behind the defence to meet a corner, but his header went wide, as did a Ryan McKechnie shot.

After the break Portland were much more fluent as they used the wind to their advantage and controlled the game.

The equaliser came just after the hour when the Deans failed to clear Jamie Beasley's free kick, and Watts pounced to fire home from close in.

Ed Bastick, who was rested with a slight calf strain, replaced Alex Godfrey with McKechnie moving inside and almost immediately he scored, finishing off a good move involving Bastick and Max Buckler.

Three minutes later he added a second finishing neatly from 12 yards after Beasley and Watts had combined to set him up.

Now well in control, manager Gary Bailey replaced Beasley with Lewis Clarke, for his first run after a hamstring injury.

Watts completed a superb second half for the Blues with the goal of the game. After being put through in the right channel, he held off a defender, and dinked a glorious chip over keeper Tom Price from 25 yards.

Assistant manager Mark Carter said: "They flew out the blocks and had us on the back foot despite playing against the wind in the first half.

"They pressed us very effectively, but there were several times when we did string some passes together and created opportunities, but I think they were worth their halftime lead for the way they closed us down so quickly."

Commenting on the Blues second half display he added: "We played a high line, I'm not sure whether they ran out of gas chasing the balls caught on the wind, or they felt that with the wind advantage they only had to play out time, but they underestimated us.

"We were outstanding in the second half and played some really controlled football against the wind."

DORSET PREMIER

TOP scorer Danny Andrews' 28th goal of the season earned Balti Sports a point after a 1-1 draw at lowly Hamwothy United Reserves.

The results sees Balti extend their lead at the top to five points but title favaourites Holt United, currently in second, spot, have a whopping five games in-hand.

Meanwhile, Dorchester Sports survived a late fightbakc to beat Mere Town 3-2. Dorch were cruising at 3-0 thanks to strikes from James Symes (2) and Ash White, but the visitors scored twice in midway through the second half which made for an anxious last few minutes.

Current top scorers;
28 - Dan Andrews (Balti Sports).
26 – Nathan Saxby (Holt Utd).
24 – Graeme Rose (Swanage).
19 - Josh Hunter (Bridport Res), Ricky Lane (Balti Sports)

DORSET LEAGUE

Senior Division

ONLY two games in the Senior League survived at the weekend due to the waterlogged pitches. Shaftesbury Town Reserves won 2-0 at Dorchester Sports Reserves while Corfe Mullen Utd won 6-2 at home to Piddletrenthide Utd. On target for Corfe were Dave Johnston (3), Mike Corbett, Ben Gard and Cameron Shaw.

Division One

AFC Blandford moved up to third following their 7-2 win at Wool & Winfrith where Chris Dickson bagged four, Aaron Lawes two and Jake Ford a single.

Michael Collins and Robert Smiley netted for the Woolies.

Mere Town Reserves won 4-3 at Portland Town. Colin Upfold (2) and Danny Clifford scored for Portland.

Weymouth A and Portland Utd Youth played out an entertaining 4-4 draw with Manny Roach (2), Dean Taylor and Matt West on target for Weymouth.

Swanage Town & Herston won 4-2 at Balti Sports Reserves. Balti's goals were scored by Liam Puckett and James Free.

Division Two

BROADMAYNE won 3-1 at Broadstone Reserves with Aaron Dodd netting the hosts consolation.

Chickerell Utd Reserves and Owermoigne shared the points after 1-1 draw. Chickerell's goal from Ethan McLucas was cancelled out by Owermoigne's Danny Roach.

In the only other game Stalbridge drew 1-1 with Portesham Utd. Luke Turk netted for Stalbridge.

Division Three

AFC Blandford Reserves thrashed hosts Donhead 7-2 while Portland Town A won 2-1 at Corfe Mullen Utd Reserves with goals from Steve Reid and Colin Judge. Craig Moore netted for Corfe.

Handley Sports won 3-2 at South Cheriton Utd where Jack Legg and an OG accounted for the hosts consolations.

Division Four

JOSH Hunter and Rhys Hughes-Williams were on target for Bridport A as they won 2-0 away at Portland Town B.

Two goals a piece for Adam Stewart and Matt Stickland were just enough for Chickerell Utd A to beat visitors Wool & Winfrith 4-3.

Shillingstone hosted Lytchett and Upton Red Triangle and won 5-3 with goals coming from Darren Critchell x3, Saul Rimmer and Jack Soden.

Weymouth & Dist Table Tennis

Division One title race hots up

BUDMOUTH A dropped what could be two crucial points in their quest for the Division 1 title against bottom side Springfield B in their 28-4 victory and both rivals Budmouth B and Park District scored maximums.

Budmouth B beat lowly colleagues Budmouth B 30-8 to maintain a one point lead over Park who secured a 30-4 win over YMCA, and although Budmouth A have a game in hand over both, they are now 37 points behind the leaders.

Red Triangle scored a good win over Colliton X in a close 22-17 win; Derrick Dawson (9) top scoring for the Portlanders.

Preston B went into their final home match hoping to record a first win from the second half of the season but lost out to Shipton Gorge A 18-21.

In Division Two leaders Pilgrims A won their penultimate match of the season 20-14 against Springfield C, but their chances of taking the title are virtually zero. Shipton Gorge B remain nicely placed in second just four points behind and with three games in hand after a convincing 28-7 win over Colliton C, with All Saints just a point further away in third having played two games less than the leaders.

Preston A closed the gap on All Saints after a thrilling 21-20 win over Shipton Gorge C. Locked at 18-18 going in to the doubles it was Eddie Chapman (5) and Simon Green (9) that secured the win with a fifth set win over Dan Corren (6) and Tom Baldry (7).

A crucial match for both Preston C and Wyke D near the bottom of the table ended in an 18-22 win for the latter.

The top two went head to head in Division Three with table toppers STEPS coming out on top 21-16 over Springfield D. They now have a 20 advantage as well as two games in hand over their rivals.

STEPS M had a convincing 30-5 win over Pilgrims B, which included a marathon five setter between Jonah Corren (9) and Alec Bailey (2).

Roy Sharp scored a maximum in Wyke C's 26-9 win over Budmouth E; Ella Stanton (5) and Jaimee Browne (3) scored Budmouth's two wins on the night.

Wey Valley School beat Preston D 22-10 with Thomas Wheeler and Ethan Bingham both scoring maximum points.

All fixtures, results, tables and averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk

■ **STILL SMILING:** Despite struggling in Division C, the girls of Budmouth E (from left): Rosa McKechnie, Sophie Storey and Jaimee Browne are still in good spirits.

Charminster Golf Club awards

Charminster golfers celebrate fine season

THE annual dinner and presentation of trophies for 2016 at Charminster Golf Club was held recently at the Wolfedale Caddy.

Among the notable prize winners was Nigel Brinsley who won six monthly medals in Division One and received both the Order of Merit Division One and Medal Cup for Sunday competitions.

Swingewood was also successful and was crowned Seniors Champion in both gross and nett scoring and also won two medals.

Tony Lee was the Club Champion on nett score, won the Seniors Singles knockout, partnered John Trott to win the Seniors Pairs knockout and with Peter Churchill and Nigel Barter won the Mike Cullingham Trophy in a Texas scramble

■ **WINNERS:** Graham Swingewood (left) and Tony Lee pictured with their silverware.

Rugby

Leaders toppled

Puddletown 17
New Milton 2nds 12
Dorset & Wilts 2 South

FIFTH placed Puddletown entertained top of the table New Milton at Greenfields with the home side intent on avenging their heavy away defeat in the reverse fixture earlier in the season.

A large crowd enjoyed what was undoubtedly Puddletown's best game of this season.

The first half started as a nervy contest with both sides failing to take their chances and the defences dominating.

The Hampshire side played with the considerable wind advantage in the first half, but two occasions chose not to kick for the posts.

The first score came after 25 minutes with New Milton winning a scrum against the head 30 metres out, the ball was quickly spun wide for the winger to score an unconverted try in the corner.

Puddletown struck back soon after with Joe Malpas winning clean ball in a line-out on the visitors' 22m, straight off the top the ball was shipped out into the backline with full back Baz Dovell going over to score. The conversion was missed leaving the score all square at 5-5 at half time.

After the half time oranges, the hosts were first to break the deadlock.

From a scrum on the opposition 10m line, No. 8 Piers Mercer powered through the New Milton defence before offloading to his back row partner Joe Malpas who was well tackled just before the try line. The ball was quickly recycled for hooker Tom Green to drive over and score and Sam Bailey converted.

The league leaders continued to apply pressure and from a five metre line-out the New Milton scrum half snuck through a and went over to score an converted try to make the score 12-12.

Both sides continued to battle it out in the midfield. A free kick awarded for a scrum infringement outside the visitors' 22m line, allowed Puddletown replacement scrum half James Hill to tap quickly and feed the ball to No. 8 Mercer who rampaged through the New Milton defence to score. The conversion was missed but the Villager now led 17-12.

The remaining 10 minutes was a tense affair with New Milton applying all the pressure. Puddletown were down to 14 men after a yellow card for holding back a tackler.

However, they played with spirit to clinch a fine victory.

D&W Div 2 (S) Top	Pld	Pts
New Milton II	14	61
Salisbury III	14	52
Bridport	14	46
Wheatsheaf CC	14	39
PUDDLETOWN	13	37
Bournemouth IV	14	21
Ellingham & R'Wood	13	20

Bridport & WD Golf

George the first

AFTER their game was cancelled last week due to adverse weather conditions, the veterans enjoyed the best day of the week last Thursday for their competition.

The weather was fine and sunny though the wind resulted in, on the whole, modest scoring.

It didn't seem to trouble George Brown in Division One whose nett score of 68 gave him a five-shot lead over second man (acb) Marcus Beresford with a nett 73 and awarded him a one shot handicap reduction. He also carded the best gross score.

The best score in Division Two was Karl Rogers' nett 72 who also received a one shot handicap cut. And being the day after St.David's day the next 4 places were all taken by Davids!

Results

Division One - 1st George Brown 80-12=68, 2nd (acb) Marcus Beresford 88-15=73, 3rd Roy Gill 86-13=73, 4th Bryan Holmes 91-17=74.

Division Two – 1st Karl Rogers 93-21=72, 2nd (acb) Dave Cole 102-27=75, 3rd Dave Buckland 96-21=75, 4th Dave Boggis 98-21=77 (after count-back from Dave Smith).

The men's Sunday competition was cancelled as the course was closed due to recent prolonged rain.

Meanwhile, The Saturday and Tuesday Ladies played a Hidden Partners competition, the last competition over a reduced course.

The winners with 45 points were Sue Winkle & Ruth Donovan, runners up were Pat Tolin & Judy Walters (43), third on count back were Pauline Mackie & Heather Boyle (42) from fourth-placed Jane White & Lyn Jessopp (also 42).

Lyme Regis Golf

Mannie by three

MANNIE Wellman had a blistering front nine in the Junior Stableford, scoring 22 points which formed the solid base for him winning well with 39 points. Cameron Moss conjured up some some good recovery shots playing to his six handicap ands finished second with 36.

Jacob Searle also made the rostrum with 34 points. The Ladies March Medal Divison One was a close affair with Rosie Jackman consolidating a good front nine to win with a nett 77. Jane Dixon had a wonderful back nine to take second on countback from Susan Moore, both with 78.

Divison Two was even closer with the top three all finishing on nett 82, but a superior back nine from Margaret Slater ensured she won ahead of Sandra Barclay in second and Sheila Claringbold in third.

Coffee Morning

THE Ladies section are holding an Easter Fayre and Lady Captain's Coffee Morning in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK on Tuesday (March 14th) from 10am until noon.

There will be plenty of stalls including a raffle, bottle tombola, cakes and home produce, plants, books and dvd's, and jewellery, scarves and preloved items of clothing. Entrance is £2.50 which includes tea/coffee and biscuit. Visitors and members are welcome to attend this social annual event.

■ **GREAT DAY AT GRAND PRIX:** Around 30 Sir Colfox Academy athletes travelled to the recent Muller Grand Prix at the Birmingham Barclay Card Arena. Head coach Andy David said: "It was a brilliant day and we were fortunate to see Laura Muir break the British 100m record and Mo Farah break his own indoor 5000m European record. He was so happy that he asked to have a selfie with us!"

Bridport Rugby

Big win, but huge test to come

Bridport 74 Lychett Minster 5
Dorset & Wilts Division Two (S)

WITH only three games played since Christmas due to two clubs cancelling matches, this game versus Lytchett 2nds was one that the Bridport players really needed to play for match fitness and practice *writes Stuart Briggs.*

The game was originally due to be played in November but was cancelled when Lychett could not raise a team.

Thankfully they were able to fulfil the fixture this time, albeit arriving with only 12 players.

Bridport loaned them three in the spirit of the game that enabled the match to be played with 15-a-side.

Bridport were soon in the ascendancy with backs and forwards combining well to score three tries inside the first 20 minutes.

Poor handling after the last restart gave Lychett time inside Bridport's 22 and their pressure told with a try in the corner, ironically scored by one of the loaned Bridport players!

Injuries soon after meant that scrums were played uncontested and Bridport's superiority forced errors from the Lychett defence and a further three tries were scored before half time.

The story was the same in the second half with Bridport forcing many turnovers and running in six unopposed tries.

The result maintained the Blues' third place in the league table.

Whilst the match time was valuable to the players, the Dorset & Wilts League two South has become a little uncompetitive with many clubs finding it difficult to run more than one team.

Therefore, for the Blues, the drive for promotion to the higher league is imperative to give them regular competitive league games next season.

However, they will face a much tougher test next Saturday at home to Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew who lie one place below them in the league.

This game will follow the clubs VP lunch at midday followed by the six nations games on TV.

■ **CHAMPS:** The Junior schools tag festival winners St Catherines School, Bridport pictured with Bridport Mayor Cllr Ros Kayes

Tag tournament attracts 12 schools

Bridport Rugby Club held its annual schools Tag rugby festival for junior schools sponsored by Morrisons supermarket last Saturday with 12 local schools taking part when over 100 girls and boys took part in mixed teams, battling it out on three pitches.

After very competitive group games, Greenford and St Catherine schools met in the final having both come through very tight semi-finals.

In a closely fought final, where the score ebbed one way then the other, St Catherines eventually won by six tries to four.

Bridport Mayor, Cllr Ros Kayes presented the trophies.

All credit to club's young qualified referee Louis Brown for organising the event.

Bridport U13 2 Taunton 4

WITH six local teams unable to field teams, Taunton agreed to visit at short notice.

Taunton's ability to steal loose ball and support the carrier enabled them to score first, but this was answered by a magnificent Bridport team try, which put wing Will Newton over in the corner.

Back came Taunton with two tries, but fast ball from scrum half Joe Styrin enabled Oliver Hansford-Harvey to speed over in the corner.

But Taunton's continuous powerful support play took them to a 4-2 victory.

Gig Racing

Tempest delivers at Saltash for Lyme

LYME Regis Gig Club started the new gig rowing season in fine form at the traditional season opener at Saltash.

The Three Rivers Race features 80 crews giving a good test and a measure of how all those long hours of winter training have gone.

The race is around seven miles long, taking around one hour to complete.

Lyme entered two crews in the ladies race. The ladies A crew, rowing Tempest overtook a number of crews in the latter part of the race, including local rivals Bridport A, to finish in a club best of 24th. A healthy rivalry beckons this season between these two friendly local crews.

The ladies B crew, rowing Black Ven, knocked well over three minutes off last year's time.

Lyme entered three crews in the Men's category. The A crew, rowing Tempest, had a rapid start then settled into 11th position.

The B crew had a solid row, with a trio of Three Rivers debutants and one competing his first ever race, and they hauled in some notable scalps, including Cotehele Quay A, in what was a very strong finish in 32nd position.

Finally the C crew in Rebel, had an outstanding performance from the outset, breaking free of the pack with only two B teams to keep them company for the remainder of the course. A controlled row would saw the Lyme crew hold their own against the B crews of Torridge and Salcombe to finish 57th.

The combined results put Tempest in 12th place overall, a club best for Lyme.

The club now focus on eight weeks of training towards the World Championships on the Isles of Scilly at the end of April where they will enter seven crews.

The club are always keen to welcome new members, no experience required. Contact the club via www.lymeregisgigclub.com

Bridport Gig Club hold open morning on Sunday

BRIDPORT gig rowing club are holding an open morning on Sunday (March 12th) with taster rowing.

Bacon baps, tea, coffee and cake will be offer at the Salthouse, West Bay from 8am to 1pm. Taster rows will take place between 10.30am and 1pm when the club's three boats, Bucky Doo, Dagger and Blaez will be on the water.

Rows will last approximately half an hour.

Gig rowing is open to all ages and no prior rowing experience is necessary. Sports clothes and trainers are recommended for taster rows.

The club offers general rowing and competitive squad rowing for adults and juniors throughout the year along with various levels of membership. For more information please visit the website: www.bridportgigclub.org.

Bees news

Bridport continue promotion push

Portland Town B 0
Bridport A 2
Dorset Division Four

QUICK thinking by Bridport A manager Mark Scadding ensured his charges didn't endure another blank weekend after it appeared certain that their home fixture with Portland B would be called off due to a waterlogged pitch.

Scadding arranged for the game to be switched to Portland, and despite a rather tired looking pitch at the Ricol Leisure Arena, his foresight worked as the young Bees side won 2-0.

With neither leaders Swanage RBL or second placed Corfe Castle Reserves playing, it meant that Bridport closed the gap.

Corfe are now only two points ahead but have played three games more, and even if Swanage win their last three remaining fixtures, Bridport need just 16 points from eight games to claim the title.

Playing against the elements in the first half the Bees defence were under constant pressure from a series of long balls, but the visitors showed maturity beyond their years, none more than mom Jamie Herbert and captain Callum Middleton.

Despite the wind, Bridport created and failed to take the numerous chances they created and the first half finished goalless.

The second half saw more of the same and Bridport soon Bridport took the lead from a Josh Hunter volley.

The visitors pushed and really took control with Jordon Scadding in the Bridport goal nothing but a spectator for long periods.

The introduction of Harry Fleet, returning to fitness, soon helped set up a fine attack that saw an Rhys Hughes-Williams add a second with a shot into the bottom corner.

Dorch Snooker

Shakey shaken

RESULTS; WDC Team Shaky 3 WDC YYMFDT 4, Colliton XQ 2016 4 Purbeck Potters 3, WDC Whipping Boys 3 West Dorset Club A 5, Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity M (to finish, score so far = 3-3), Trinity M 5 Colliton XQ 2016 2.

Top Breaks; M Beale 33; G Bartlett 29; M Pike 26, 24; C Matthews 26

Top Break of the Season; Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A) 65.

Team Open Knock Out Cup Final; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M – Monday, March 27th at Trinity Club.

Team Handicap Knock Out Cup Final; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M – Monday, March 30th at Trinity Club.

Rearranged matches;
Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys (March 13th),
West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (March 15th),
Colliton XQ 2016 v WDC Team Shaky (March 20th),
WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M (March 22nd),
WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M (April 4th),
West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (April 5th),
WDC YYMFDT v Colliton Hopefuls (Being rearranged by team captains),
WDC YYMFDT v West Dorset Club A to finish - score so far 3-2,
Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity M to finish - score so far 3-3.

Table (week 18)	Pld	Pts
WDorset Club A	15	69
Colliton XQ2016	17	68
WDC Team Shaky	17	61
Purbeck Potters	17	60
Colliton Hopefuls	14	59
Trinity M	16	57
WDC YYMFDT	16	53
WDC Whipping B	16	32

Table Tennis

Shipton B maintain pressure at the top

SHIPTON Gorge B remain nicely placed in Division Two after a convincing 28-7 win over bottom side Colliton C and are now just four points behind leaders Pilgrims A with three games in-hand.

Their biggest title challengers appear to be All Saints who are just a point behind but have played a game more. It may go to the wire when the two meet in the final match of the season.

Preston A closed the gap on All Saints after a thrilling 21-20 win over Shipton Gorge C.

Locked at 18-18 going in to the doubles it was Eddie Chapman (5) and Simon Green (9) that secured the win for Preston with a fifth set win over Dan Corren (6) and Tom Baldry (7).

Shipton Gorge A won their midtable clash with Preston B 18-21 with Miranda Edwardes (8) top scoring for Shipton.

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e March 4th
Ladies George Nomination Cup; Generations 146 Smashers 173.

Ladies Bob Sweetland Cup Semi Final; Wootton Wobblers bt Wild Pins (Game given)

Cawston All Cup Quarter Finals; La Crème 331 Wootton Wobblers 311, No Hopers 363 Marksmen 325, Anthill Mob 319 President's Men 342, Flyers 297 Roadrunners 370.

Details of upcoming Cup fixtures and rearranged games;
Monday 13th March
Ladies Doug Clark Cup Semi Finals; Wootton Wobblers v Smashers, Hot Gossips v La Crème.

Wednesday, March 15th
Cornish Cup Quarter Finals; Shakers v Clueless, No Hopers v Flyers.

Friday, March 17th
Cornish Cup Quarter Finals; Marksmen v British Legion, Anthill Mob v President's Men.

Monday, March 20th
Ladies George Nomination Cup Semi Finals; Wild Pins v La Crème, Wootton Wobblers v Smashers.

Monday, March 27th
Hot Gossips v La Crème (rearranged league game).

Wednesday, March 29th
Men's Div 2 Curtis Nomination Cup Semi Final; Alleytwits v President's Men.

Friday, March 31st
Men's Bob Sweetland Cup Quarter Finals; Young Guns v No Hopers, British Legion v Clueless, Rousdon Rebels v Roadrunners, Flyers v Trappers.

Monday, April 3rd
Hot Gossips v Wild Pins (rearranged league game).

Wednesday, April 5th
Men's Palmer Cup Quarter Finals; President's Men v Marksmen (**Pilot Boat**), Wreckers v Clueless (**Rock Point**).

Friday, April 7th
Men's Palmer Cup Quarter Finals; Tornadoes v Alleytwits (**Rock Point**), Rousdon Rebels v Roadrunners (**Rousdon**).

Men's Div 1 George Nomination Cup Semi Finals; No Hopers v Trappers (**Pilot Boat**), Flyers v Clueless (**Wootton**).

Wednesday, April 12th
Men's Pairs Semi Finals
Rock Point: K Trott & I Locke; P Liston & P Rattenbury; N Chapman & J Chapman; M Saunders & T Wallis; J Broome & T Mayers; P Grinter & L Dare; S Shaw & G Kent; A Rattenbury & J Fry.

Ship: A Trott & D Rowe; J Sims & B Rattenbury; M Croad & R Bevis; C Kapur & T Eaton; R Bovill & S Smith; P Hodder & L Hodder; N Bearpark & S Beal; P Bright & R Chappel.

Thursday, April 13th
No Hopers v Trappers (rearranged league game), Young Guns v Clueless (rearranged league game).

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	15	29
Well Hung Clocks	14	20
BSC	15	20
Nomads	15	20
Five Sticky Fingers	15	17
Hands of Time	15	14
Noth'n But Treble	15	10
Nags Head A	15	7
Les Miserables	15	7
Rubber Johns	14	4

180s; Tony Young 9, Terry Prowse 7, Nigel Lamb, Alan Parker, Mark Munro & Ryan Cross all x4, seven players x3, seven players x2, 22 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Stingers	15	24
Young Darters	15	22
One for the Vikings	15	21
Odds or Us	14	20
Respect-de-Bull	14	18
Elders	15	16
Otter Rotters	14	7
Anchor Five	15	7
Dat Team	14	6
No Direction	15	5

180s; Ashley Parker & Stuart Alner both 4, Andy Reid 3, Ashley Parker, Simon Moye & Dan Rawlings all x2, 12 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	15	24
Poachers	15	23
Dart Vaders	15	20
The Surgeons	15	19
Midnight Runners	15	16
Tiger Bees	15	13
Anchor Vale Viewers	15	11
Flashes Fives	15	11
Royal Hawks	15	7
Time Bombs	15	6

180s; Paul Gumbrill 3, Danny Sorrell 2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, Alistair Coutts, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick, Graham Gumbrill & all 1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Wicked Team Name	15	24
No Chance	15	23
Dodgers	15	19
Whamo	15	17
-1-11	15	17
The Nameless	14	16
Odds & Sods	14	10
Sorted Odds	15	10
Hopeful Bashers	15	9
The Royal Nuts	13	1

180s; Micky Brock 2, Andy Page, Paul Bearpark, Paul Lewis, T.Bird, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	21	40
Arrows Awry	21	32
Queens Bees	21	32
Sue's Rebels	21	28
Clocking On	21	27
Odd One Out	21	27
Queenies of the Club	21	23
Castaways	21	18
Against the Odds	21	15
Charlie's Angels	21	16
Don's Damsels	21	12
Good Mates	21	10
Tiger Stripes	21	7
Drunking Aware	21	7

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all 1.

West Dorset Hockey

Hawks hold leaders with gritty display

West Dorset Hawks 3 Chard 3

ON paper this looked like an easy three points for leaders Chard who, having scored 96 goals in 18 games, and having conceded a miserly 26, looked odds on winners against a slightly under strength Hawks side that had lost their last three matches.

However, with West Dorset desperate to stop the slide, they started with a very defensive line-up to frustrate the visitors.

But they fell behind to a very unfortunate goal from a short corner, the umpires missing the fact the ball struck the stopper's foot before it was driven home.

Russell Coombs, deputising as captain for Rick Steele who was playing for the A team, rallied his troops and they instantly equalised.

Alex Davies' run ended in a short corner from which Dan Wyatt thundered home from the top of the D.

The same pair combined again soon after to put the Hawks ahead. Davies, having once again won a short corner, was cleverly played in by Wyatt to wrong foot the Chard defence and he swept the ball home.

Having beaten the Hawks 6-0 in the reverse fixture, Chard were becoming agitated as the second half started, but they drew level again when some superb play from the visiting striker resulted in a penalty flick for feet which was duly despatched.

Still unable to get the better of the Hawks, Chard became frustrated, and the umpires did well to keep control as some found their way into the sin bin.

A superb tackle from Matthew Keeping set up West Dorset's third 10 minutes from time. His inch perfect pass found Davies who deftly flicked home to complete his hat trick.

Desperate to hold off Penzance for the Southern Two title, Chard threw the kitchen sink at West Dorset in the final minutes and were once again the beneficiary of good luck when the ball just brushed the toe of Julian May as he went to intercept, and they converted the resultant short corner.

Coombs was elated with his side's performance: "To hold the league leaders to a draw was superb. We showed great spirit to the end, and to score three against such a strong defence was excellent."

Southern Two	Pld	Pts
Chard	19	47
Penzance	19	45
Plymouth Uni A	19	43
Bude	18	37
Camborne School of Mines	18	35
Caradon	19	24
PGSOB A	19	22
Bridgwater A	19	22
WEST DORSET	19	22
ECV Hornets	19	19
Taunton Vale C	19	7
Devonport Services	19	3

Students too slick

University of Exeter F 3 West Dorset A 0

LIKE the first team, West Dorset A found themselves facing a tough test after three defeats in a row.

Uni are second, just a point behind leaders Tiverton and having already scored over 100 goals in 14 matches and conceding just eight, it was almost a case of damage limitation.

Bolstered by first teamer's Rick Steele and Rick Dormer, they travelled with an array of talent and age in the squad of 13, the youngest being 14, the oldest well into his 60s.

The Hawks found themselves 2-0 down after just 15 minutes, the first a purposely deflected shot, the second a one-on-one situation which the attacker came out on top having dribbled the ball 40-yards unchallenged from a breakaway.

However, they did not let the early sets back deflate them, and the excellent defensive backline dug-in to restrict the hosts to a handful of shots for the remainder of the half.

The back four of Henry Middleton, Lee Connelly, Rick Steele and Mike Harvey man-marked their counterparts exceptionally well, and made a string of crucial interceptions.

The younger opponents inevitably found more space as the second half wore on, and keeper Alex Drew was called to make a number of saves.

The students claimed their third from another purposely deflected shot which trickled over the line.

Hawks hope to get back to winning ways this Saturday as they host Taunton Vale D who lie one place below them in the league.

Skipper Drew said: "All the team can hold their heads high with arguably the most committed performance of the season."

***Team**: Alex Drew (c), Henry Middleton, Lee Connelly, Rick Steele, Mike Harvey, Rich Wilson, Rick Dormer, Ben Whittington, Jedd Whittington, Albert Steele, Jack Dormer. Subs: Bobby Dormer, John Dormer.*

Forsyth has golden springs!

WOOLBRIDGE Motor Club returned to the challenging venue of Woolminstone near Crewkerne for the first rounds of the 2017 Motor Sports Association British Championship, the British Trial and Rally Drivers national series as well as the Association of South West Motor Clubs.

The start of the new season saw heavy rain, hail and high winds testing the drivers with continually changing ground conditions.

The event comprised of two divisions. One catering for drivers who were contesting the national championships and another for the local clubmen.

The front wheel drive (no ballast) class in the clubman division saw the class victory go to Jez Searle in his Peugeot 106.

Searle was in good form from the off and was five points up on Dave Atkins and Robert North in their larger engined Citroen Saxo on the first section.

Atkins closed the gap to four points at the conclusion of the first round of tests but was unable to make further progress during the second round and went into lunch six marks in arrears with North a further three down. Searle secured his lead during the six tests that comprised round three and then annihilated his challengers on the final two tests to finish on 154 penalties with Atkins trailing by 22 points.

North showed how well matched the Saxo pair were completing 20 sections just four points adrift of the second place finisher.

The ballasted front wheel drive class attracted the biggest entry of all the categories in addition to providing the winner of the clubman event in the form of November victor Jim Forsyth.

Immediately after the start the Bournemouth driver had to deal with a challenge form Weymouth's Will Lawrence. Both were equipped with Citroen Saxos but Lawrence and his driving partner Dan Chazal were giving away 476cc but that did not hinder Lawrence during the first round of tests at the end of which he saw him level with Forsyth on 38 penalties.

The second round saw Forsyth eke out an advantage of two which had grown to twelve by the end of the event.

The third in class award also went to a Weymouth driver in the form of Graham Blake. The Westfield hill climb driver taking the final position on the class podium in a Peugeot 106 Rallye which is pressed into service as a trials car during the winter months but will return to hill climb specification for the Woolbridge club's first hill climb of the season at Wiscombe Park in April.

Another award was bound for Weymouth in the hands of Dan Chazal who claimed the Junior Driver (under 23) accolade.

A two way battle in the sports car class between Alan Foster and Alastair Stevenson from Weymouth concluded with just 16 points deciding the verdict in favour of the former in his Morgan V8 over the local driver's MG TD.

Bere Regis residents Dominic Bishop and Julien Lightfoot enjoyed the closest fought competition of the day as they contested the specials category with the recently acquired SRB chassis. Both drivers enjoyed a battle with Bishop dropping 62 penalties and winning by a mere three points.

See photos from the event and details of the national championships on our website www.viewnews.co.uk

Indoor Bowls

Brilliant victory sees Bridport in Over 60s county final

BRIDPORT Men's A team are through to the final of the Dorset Over 60s competition after a superb 44-34 win against the Isle of Purbeck, but now face the monumental task of beating Dolphin A who defeated their B team in the other semi-final.

The final will be played at Waterloo Road, home of the Dolphins on a date yet to be announced.

Played at the neutral venue of Dorchester, the match against IoP contained a number of twists and turns.

Brian Baker, Ken Sanger & Mike Fletcher led 7-4, and Barry Mapson, Mel Griffiths & captain Phil Hedges led 7-1, but Purbeck turned it around by end 10 with Fletcher pegged back to 11-9 and Hedges falling behind 9-15. However, the next four ends saw Bridport surge ahead again scoring 19 shots to Purbeck's two to end their opponents hopes.

Baker said: "We would have hoped for a neutral venue for the final but the county finals are always played at the current President's club. But we are confident we can go there and snatch a win; a lot will depend on our kingpins Phil Hedges and Mike Fletcher, they are our Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton, and have been brilliant over the whole campaign".

Beryl Stork, Peter Carnell, Robin Pither & Gerry Moss, and Sylvia Fletcher, Harry Gray & Peter Varney shared the top rink award against the Nomads in their Four Rink Mixed Friendly winning 16-12 and 21-17 respectively.

Sue and David Jenkin, Sandra Hargett & Bob Hill finished 2,4 to draw 17-17 but Nomads won the match 71-64 as Bernard Perry, Penny Pither, Nova Varney & David Aylott were beaten 11-25.

Moonfleet A 47 Bournemouth A 47

THE Ladies A team had a mixed game against visitors Bournemouth A in the Ladies County league.

June Searle, Helen Monelle, Chris Thompson & skip Margaret Crawford had a challenging game against the visitors under skip J Halliwell.

Bournemouth took control of the first half and by end seven led 15-0.

Moonfleet came to life over the next four ends and, with five shots gained on end nine, were lying only five shots behind at 10-15.

But eight shots to the visitors on the next two ends put them back in the driving seat and, although the final eight ends were evenly split, the lead was too great and the home rink went down 16-30.

The other Moonfleet rink of Mairi Mathie, Chris Rod, Anne Chislett & skip Kath Desmond moved into a commanding early lead helped along with an impressive six-shot haul on the second end against the Bournemouth rink with skip J Bryant.

By end 11 the hosts were lying 18-7 ahead and, with the exception of two ends each resulting in five shots to Bournemouth, the Moonfleet quartet dominated the remainder of the match to claim a stunning 31-17 victory and an overall 47-47 draw.

Moonfleet B 40 Isle of Purbeck 26

MOONFLEET B entertained The Isle of Purbeck in the Ladies County league in what was to be the last time Isle of Purbeck will play in the league as the club has sadly closed.

Pam Hayward, Ann Sherman, Heather Gillingham & skip Sheila Escott quickly took control and, by end 10 had moved into a 13-5 lead against the Purbeck rink under skip D Seacombe.

During the second half of the game the visitors failed to make any impression on the early lead and the hosts claimed a comfortable 23-10 victory.

On the other rink Mary Dunne, Julie Watts, Sue Paull & skip Jill Gwilliam also took control of the early stages of the game and by end seven were 9-2 ahead against the visitors skipped by U Keats.

The Purbeck rink then won the next five ends and, by end 12 had levelled at 9-9.

Control then passed back to the hosts who moved into a 16-9 lead over the next four ends. However, the IoP quartet went up a gear and levelled the score at 16-16 by the penultimate end.

As the final eight bowls were delivered the tension mounted and, with one shot gained Moonfleet breathed a sigh of relief with a 17-16 win and an overall 40-26 total.

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures
Mixed Nomination Individual Final
Tuesday, March 14th
Bradpole Club - S Pitcher; L Dare; R Pincombe; D Cowburn; M Horton; H Mills; G Brooks; A Cauldwell.

Ladies Nomination Individual Final
Wednesday, March 15th
Tiger - S Yeatman; C Lambert; S Luter; S Newman; C Huxter; J Cake; G Legg; J Symes.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	14	27
Rockets	14	20
Rejects	14	17
Denhay	14	16
Masters	12	13
Nelson Nobblers	13	12
Rough Eight	14	12
Wanderers	13	12
Broadoak	14	10
Slingers	13	9
U Know the Blokes	13	8
Lively Lads	14	6

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	13	18
The Dingles	13	17
Countrymen	13	14
Originals	12	14
Survivors	13	14
Outsiders	13	13
Bangers	13	12
Lost in Time	12	12
Castouts	13	10
Dingbats	11	10
Aussies Lot	12	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	14	24
NBC	13	20
Pioneers	14	20
LHS	14	18
Wickers	13	18
Whiskey Chasers	13	14
Unknowns	14	12
Stingers	14	11
Brandy Snaps	13	8
Groundhogs	13	8
Yo Yo's	14	7

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	14	28
Strawpeedoes	13	22
BFC	14	20
Alleycats	14	18
Featherbeds	13	18
Hidden Talent	12	10
Let em Roll	12	10
Firebirds	13	8
Offcuts	12	6
Pinbashers	11	6

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	13	30
Wozo's Warriors	11	27
Smack the Rack	13	25
Hunters Hot Pots	11	21
Old Cobbies	13	18
Drunken Sailors	11	16
Nags Head Trotters	12	12
Real Talbot	12	6
Ranger & Friends	10	3

Lyme Regis darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	14	28
Clockadooledoo	16	25
Nags Head A	12	21
Nags Z	13	17
Hunters Lodge	13	16
Royal Standard	15	14
Rock Point A	10	14
Four Play	12	8
Talbot Arms	11	8
Janners	12	5
Cobb Arms	11	4
Half an Octopus	13	4
See you Next Thurs	12	2

180s: R.Cross 6, T.Prowse 5, T.Young 4, T.Bond, D.Herbert & R.Powell all 3, R.Coombe, G.Knight & B.Grainger all 2, 12 players x1.

Beam & Brid Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Kingzmen	15	91
We Need Help	15	86
Pooligans	15	85
Pocket Rockets	15	81
Ringers	15	80
Longshots	15	80
Brake Failures	15	73
Heads Up	15	70
Bradpole Club	15	63
Nothing Like Us	15	41

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Dozy Magpies left red faced at Redditch

Redditch Utd 4 Dorchester Town 2
Evo-Stik South Premier – att: 258

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MANAGER Craig Laird was left mystified by Dorchester's lack of consistency and annoyed at the way they conceded three goals in the first quarter at fellow strugglers Redditch United on Saturday.

Having been bolstered by a superb win at second placed Hitchin Town in midweek, the Magpies boss was hoping that his charges had found their form, and could move further from the relegation battle at the bottom, especially as the Reds were on a run of 10 games without a victory.

However, a dramatic first 25 minutes found them three down, and although Ollie Mehew scored two in three minutes to bring them back into the game just after the half hour, they conceded a fourth on the cusp of half time.

Dorchester were missing their influential captain Nathan Walker who was unavailable for personal reasons, and got off to the worst possible start when Luke Keen fired the hosts ahead after just 77 seconds.

It wasn't that Dorchester were penned in their own half, as they created a number of chances themselves as David Jerrard fired just wide and Ollie Bassett was unlucky with a curling effort that just cleared the crossbar.

Despite this, it was Redditch that doubled their lead on 21 minutes when Keen collected the ball on the edge of the Magpies box and fired home his second. Four minutes later he completed his hat trick when he sent keeper Shane Murphy the wrong way from the penalty spot.

However, Dorchester still looked to go forward, and Mehew netted from Neil Martin's cross and two minutes later the young striker got a second with a deflected shot after Jerrard had picked him out.

Jerrard almost equalised but dragged his shot wide before Jordan Cullinane-Liburd headed home on the stroke of half time to give the Reds breathing space.

Dorchester started the second half the better and Franklyn Clarke and John Vance both had chances, but neither side could find the net.

In the final minutes, substitute Ollie Powell fired over the bar whilst Murphy produced an excellent save to keep the Magpies in with a chance, but Redditch held firm to take the points.

Laird said: "To be three down after 25 minutes was ludicrous. We talked about certain things and jobs to be done, and then we just concede three sloppy goals. We regrouped to get back in the game, and then conceded again at an important time.

"Any team that wants to be successful needs continuity of performance. The peaks and troughs make it hard to manage."

Defeat meant that Redditch are now nine points clear of the Magpies, something Laird finds disappointing.

"A win would have seen them only three points clear of us and would have dragged them into our situation.

"The fact is we just haven't been good enough in certain areas."

The county town boss has bolstered his squad with the signing of 23-year-old midfielder **Jake Mawford** from Weston-super-Mare until the end of the season, and he was in contention to play against Hayes & Yeading at The Avenue last night.

◆ **ON THE CHARGE:** Puddletown try scorer No.8 Piers Mercer, supported by his brother Toby, breaks a tackle and heads for the line.

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